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TOWN OFFICERS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2006

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ronald J. Taksar	(Term expires 2007)
Carl I. Belz	(Term expires 2008)
Richard McLeod	(Term expires 2009)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sally L. Small (Appointed)

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

Marilyn L. Knowlton (2007)

TREASURER

Tina D. Peabody (2007)

MODERATOR

William L. Mead, Sr. (2008)

ROAD AGENT

Scott Knowlton (Appointed)

HEALTH OFFICER

Christopher Polich (Appointed)

AUDITOR

Crane & Bell (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF

Richard McLachlin (Appointed)

POLICE CHIEF

Mark R. Montminy (Appointed)

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Richard McLachlin	(2007)
William Downey	(2008)
Marcia Graham	(2009)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Barbara Belz	(2007)	Tom Allen	(2009)
James Cunningham	(2007)	Sue Jessen	(2009)
Lucille Finn	(2008)	Sharon Penney	(2009)
Harriet Taylor	(2008)		

BOARD OF EDUCATION

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Linda Gaitskill	Sugar Hill (2007)
Tom Eyman	Franconia (2008)
Ardell Patterson	Easton (2008)
Tina Peabody	Franconia (2008)
Mark Simpson	Sugar Hill (2009)

PROFILE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bill Brown	Bethlehem (2007)
Jim Colongeli	Lafayette (2007)
Leonard Malenowski	Bethlehem (2007)
Annette Marquis	Bethlehem (2008)
Bob Patterson	Easton (2008)
Steve Chardon	Lafayette (2009)
Jim Payette	Bethlehem (2009)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

J. Bradley Smith	(2007)
John Lefavour	(2008)
Michael J. Ford	(2009)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Angelo Costa	(2008)
Kathleen Mead	(2010)
Karen Moore	(2012)

SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Ross, School Representative
Harriet Taylor, Library Representative
Tom Eyman, Church Representative

PLANNING BOARD

Ron Taksar-Selectmen's Rep	(2007)	Steve Heath	(2008)
Bernardette Costa	(2007)	Barbara Belz	(2009)
Mary Grote	(2007)	Ron Flynn	(Alternate – 2009)
Earle Collins	(2008)	John Lachapelle	(Alternate - 2009)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mary Fowler	(2007)	Donald Lawton	(2008)
D. Edward Carbonaro	(2008)	Melinda Richmond	(2010)
Jane Cloran	(2008)	Barbara Belz - Planning Board	(2009)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kathryn McCarthy	(2007)	Kim Cowles	(2008)
J. Bradley Smith	(2007)	Elizabeth Welch	(2009)
John Lachapelle	(2007)	John Lefavour	(2009)
Richard Bennink	(2008)	Mary S. Grote – Planning Board	(2009)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Easton

Mike Kenney
Brian Canelas

Franconia

Tracy Chardon	(2007)
Jeffrey J. Malcolm	(2008)
Kim Cowles	(2009)

Sugar Hill

Gordie Johnk
Jean Serino

BALANCE SHEET

For the year ending December 31, 2006

ASSETS

Cash – NOW Account		\$1,081,378.05
Investments – NH-PDIP		53,896.14
Taxes Receivable		
Property Taxes – Current	\$374,233.79	
Property Taxes – Liens	<u>28,172.64</u>	
		402,406.43
Other Accounts Receivable		
Health Insurance	642.38	
Town of Easton	2,339.00	
Dow Fund	1,442.51	
L&WCF Grant	<u>2,714.99</u>	
		7,138.88
Due from Other Funds		
Transfer Station Spec. Revenue Fund		7,355.50
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,552,175.00

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		12,151.75
Due to Other Funds		
Land Use Fund		11,868.50
Due to School Districts		
Profile School District	521,865.00	
Lafayette Reg. School District	490,698.00	<u>1,012,563.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$1,036,583.25

FUND EQUITY

TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>515,591.75</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		\$1,552,175.00

NOTES FROM THE SELECTMEN

The year 2006 has been both challenging and rewarding for the board. Quarterly budget reviews, fiscal diligence by the town departments, and assistance from the Capital Improvement Plan Committee have greatly assisted the board in achieving a prudent yet responsive balance between the operating budget and the level of service provided to the town. The heating efficiency improvement associated with replacement of the antiquated town hall boiler and heating system is providing immediate cost savings. The CIP is an integral part of the budgeting process. Their estimates provided valuable information and analysis for the planning and select boards and the town's departments. There was considerable deliberation, much of it focused on total compensation rather than wages alone, in arriving at this year's employee cost of living adjustments. The board's commissioning of the Infrastructure Study Group and the Water Supply Study Group has laid a foundation upon which the town will be asked to endorse overdue infrastructure improvements that should serve the town for the next twenty years and beyond. These improvements will be the subject of major public hearings sometime after town meeting.

The volunteers who staff these groups make small town government function. The citizen involvement and interaction between the various boards, groups, and committees, although not always in accord, is what government is all about. Work by town departments, the North Country Council, the planning board, and town residents, has resulted in a Hazard Mitigation Plan. It will help ensure continued eligibility for federal and state reimbursement of costs associated with natural disasters. Similar actions are underway to revise Flood Control Maps and Ordinances to ensure the continued availability for federal flood insurance to town residents. The town's emergency locator system, begun in 2005 with the establishment of regulation road signs, was completed this year with the placement of street numbers. The town's auditor is bringing the town into compliance with a new municipal accounting standard from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB34). Achieving this standard will ensure that the town remains eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal and state funding.

The board continued to increase its knowledge of municipal affairs by attending training opportunities from the Local Government Center, PRIMEX (the town's liability insurer), the North County Council, and state agencies. The town's opposition to the leasing of the Cannon ski area was represented before the Governor's State Parks Study Commission and the Resources, Recreation, and Economic Development subcommittee of the New Hampshire House of Representatives (currently House Bill 52). Our Chairman, with the assistance of the town Health Officer, has taken a leadership role in preparing Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, and Sugar Hill to meet an influenza pandemic. Ongoing planning suggests that two hundred residents (sixty from Franconia) will be needed to staff the planned inoculation point of distribution (POD).

The year 2007 presents ample opportunities for accomplishment. The ongoing audit will be testing the internal controls knowledge of all personnel who authorize, handle, or expend funds. There will then be an updating and/or establishment of financial policies in the areas of cash receipts, investments, purchasing, credit card use, fund balance, debt, and fraud. The board will conduct an assessment of the efficiency and desirability of

replacing numerous computers with a single server. The reclamation of the Willow cemetery will be reinvigorated. Ordinances will be considered in the areas of Emergency Management, Vector Control (disease spread by insects), winter parking, and good weather road weight limits. The board will be addressing the recommendations of the Capital Improvements Committee. Their recommendation for long-term financing of infrastructure improvements is considered to be of primary importance. Construction at the town hall for personnel security, the establishment of an ADA bathroom, and additional energy conservation measures remain board priorities. A 2006 inventory of signs in town will be analyzed to bring signs into compliance with the zoning regulation. This will help maintain the village-like appearance of the town. The board will continue to support proactive health programs and continue to evolve personnel and compensation policies for employees. The board expects to continue working with the planning board on the refinement of sign, driveway, and building permits. The safety of the sidewalk and curbing along Main Street and the intersection of Main Street with Route 116 and Wallace Hill Road require continued scrutiny.

Town of Franconia, Board of Selectmen
Ronald J. Taksar, Chairman
Carl I. Belz, Selectmen
Richard McLeod, Selectmen

FRANCONIA TOWN MEETING – MARCH 14, 2006

Moderator William Mead called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Moderator announced that the polls would be temporarily closed, to be reopened shortly before 8:00 p.m. to allow all those who had not voted to do so.

There was a motion and a second to waive the reading of last year's minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)

Ballots Cast 156

Selectman (3-year term):	Richard McLeod	148
Write-ins:	John Peabody	1
	Garreth Slattery	1

Moderator (2-year term):	William L. Mead, Sr.	147
Write-ins:	Ned Densmore	1
	Tom Hughes	1
	Dave Schaffer	2
	George W Bush	1

Treasurer (1-year term):	Tina Peabody	146
Write-ins:	Sally Small	1
	Steve Heath	1

Trustee of the Trust Fund: (3-year term)	Michael J. Ford	152
Write-in:		

Library Trustee (3-year term):	Thomas E. Allen	132
Three vacancies	Sharon Penney	138
Write-ins:	Sue Jessen	79
	Bernardette Costa	1
	Jamie Cunningham	1
	Valerie Anthony	1
	Ken Ford	1
	Lucille Finn	1
	Carol Fonetu	1
	Melinda Richmond	1
	Dan Fowler	1
	Sue Jenny	1
	Marilyn Fisher	1

Water Commissioner (3-year term):	Marcia Graham	147
Write-ins:	Richard McLachlin	1
	Rick Gaudette	1
	John Peabody	2

ARTICLE 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same, as set forth in the following budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$93,246.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	22,639.00
Financial Administration	41,986.00
Revaluation of Property	6,150.00
Legal Expenses	3,500.00
Planning & Zoning	18,855.00
General Government Buildings	75,306.00
Cemeteries	11,330.00
Insurance.....	8,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	12,534.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....	10,000.00)
(North Country Council	1,841.00)
(Regional Airport	693.00)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	267,672.00
Fire.....	71,480.00
Life Squad	50,765.00
Forest Fire.....	3,740.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	25,046.00
(Franconia's Share.....	23,996.00)

HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....321,762.00

UTILITIES16,000.00

HEALTH & HOSPITALS.....9,213.00

(ACHS	1,800.00)
(American Red Cross.....	346.00)
(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens	1,100.00)
(Health Officer.....	200.00)
(Hospice of Littleton	572.00)
(Littleton Regional Hospital	1,500.00)
(North Country Home Health	2,178.00)
(North Country YMCA.....	250.00)
(White Mt. Mental Health.....	1,267.00)

WELFARE5,500.00

(General Assistance	3,500.00)
(CAP	2,000.00)

CULTURE & RECREATION

Recreation Programs.....	63,438.00
(Franconia's Share	25,640.00)

Parks	8,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00
Museums.....	300.00

CONSERVATION6,500.00

INTEREST4,000.00

TOTAL\$1,148,462.00

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article and indicated that the overall budget is up 13% from last year. There was some discussion on the dispatch phone lines and the highways & streets line items. Ron Taksar and Sally Small spoke to the questions.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 2 passed unanimously by voice vote.

At 7:50 PM the Moderator made an announcement that the polls would be closing at 8:00 PM.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred nineteen thousand five hundred-fifty dollars (\$119,550.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Highway Trucks, \$36,000; Police Cruisers, \$19,100; Fire Pumper Truck, \$30,000; Fire Equip Truck, \$10,000; Life Squad Van, \$20,250 and Town Buildings Truck, \$4,200.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article and gave a breakdown on the specific trucks that will be bought and the anticipated years that they would be purchased.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 3 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty five thousand one hundred dollars (\$65,100.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The Selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Highway Improvement, \$50,000; Sidewalk Improvement, \$5,000; Museum Maintenance, \$6,300 and Library Maintenance, \$3,800.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article giving a breakdown of what each amount would be used for.

There being no further discussion the article was called to a vote. Article 4 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) to purchase a new mower and trailer for the Town Buildings and Grounds Department. The Selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ramesh Dave and Jeff Phillips spoke to the Article.

After some discussion the article was called to a vote. Article 5 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-seven thousand six hundred and thirty dollars (\$57,630.00) to replace the boiler and heating system in the Town Hall and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Town Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

created for that purpose. The amount of thirty-seven thousand six hundreds and thirty dollars (\$37,630.00) is to come from general taxation. The Selectmen and Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article stating that the boiler is the original from when the Town Hall was built in 1938.

After a brief discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 6 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand four hundred twenty dollars (\$5,420.00) to install a detection and fire alarm system in the Town Hall. The Selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. There were some questions: where the system would be wired into, if this has gone out to bid and whether the system would detect for carbon monoxide? Ron Taksar and Ron Kirby spoke to the questions.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 7 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand fifty dollars (\$9,050.00) to complete necessary fire code upgrades to the Town Hall. The Selectmen and Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article explaining the detail of what will be done for the necessary fire code upgrades.

There was some discussion about insurance of the Town Hall Building. Ron Taksar spoke to this comment assuring that Primex had inspected the building and asked to have these things implemented.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 8 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-three thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$83,285.00) to purchase a loader/backhoe for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of forty-seven thousand dollars (\$47,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The sum of twelve thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$12,285.00) is to come from general taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 1989 John Deere (\$24,000.00). The selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz and Scott Knowlton spoke to the article. Carl Belz explained that the Selectmen originally envisioned this to be two separate articles one for a backhoe and one for a loader. At the budget hearing, Scott Knowlton gave a proposal for a multipurpose piece of equipment with significant savings for the Town. The CIP Committee had two members present at the budget hearing and was not able to meet again as a Committee to discuss this new proposal. Therefore, it is not correct to state that the CIP recommended this article. There were some questions about one piece of equipment being needed in two different places and whether the wear

and tear on this vehicle would decrease its lifespan. Jim Hamblin of the CIP Committee also cautioned that we still might need another piece of equipment in the future to take the place of the loader. Scott Knowlton spoke to these questions and concerns.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 9 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars (\$13,877.00) to purchase a stainless steel sander for the Highway Department. The amount of eleven thousand eight hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$11,877.00) is to come from general taxation. Additional funding (\$2,000.00) for this appropriation will come from trading in the 1995 steel sander. The Selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz and Scott Knowlton spoke to the article. A question was raised about what the average life of a spread is? Scott Knowlton answered 15-20 years.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 10 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen as agents to expend the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust to allow for repairs to the building and to be in line with all the other Expendable Trusts. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article. There was discussion about this. Ron Taksar and Sally Small spoke to clarify that the Department of Revenue instructed the Town to do this.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 11 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand seven hundred fifty-six dollars (\$33,756.00) for a full Property Valuation Update and to raise the sum of twenty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty-six dollars (\$23,756.00) from taxation, and to authorize the withdrawal of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

The article was read, moved, and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 12 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred-sixty thousand two hundred sixty-two dollars (\$260,262.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and to raise fifty thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$50,997.00) from taxation, and to expend twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00) from the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Special Revenue Fund surplus. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from the Town of Sugar Hill (\$32,364.00), the Town of Easton (\$14,711.00), PAYT Fees (\$77,500.00), Special Handling Fees (\$35,690.00), and Recycled Material (\$25,000.00). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

The article was read, moved, and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 13 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of a feasibility study to be expended by the Infrastructure Committee as they find necessary. The sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) will come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount will be raised from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved, and seconded. Carl Belz & Kathy Mead spoke to the article. There was discussion about what is being studied; Jim Hamblin of the CIP asked when the study would be completed. Ken Ford commented that the Infrastructure Committee should be ongoing.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 14 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to transfer two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this transfer of funds.

The article was read, moved, and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 15 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to transfer one thousand-five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Dow Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this transfer of funds.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 16 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-six thousand five hundred sixty-five dollars (\$66,565.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 17 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) to purchase street numbers and posts for the Town of Franconia. The Selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 18 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Health Insurance Deductible Expendable Trust created in 2003. With said funds plus interest to date to be placed in the town's general fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. There was a question about the amount of money. Sally Small answered that the amount was in article 20.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 19 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand eighty-five dollars (\$5,085.00) plus interest to date, to be placed in the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund, which was previously created. (The sum of \$5,085.00 plus interest is the amount from the dissolution of the Health Insurance Deductible Expendable Trust Fund in warrant article #20). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article and made a motion to amend the article to read: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand eighty-five dollars (\$5,085.00) plus interest to date, to be placed in the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund, which was previously created. (The sum of \$5,085.00 plus interest is the amount from the dissolution of the Health Insurance Deductible Expendable Trust Fund in warrant article #19). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The amendment was moved and seconded.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 20 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the Franconia Children's Center to be used for general operating expenses. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz & David Weed spoke to the article. David Weed, board member, spoke to the article. The money would help to defray operating costs.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 21 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will place a question on the state election ballot to change the polling hours so that the polls shall open at 11:00AM and close at 7:00PM for all regular state elections beginning with the first state election to be held in the year 2006 as provided in RSA 659:4-a.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Sally Small & Kathy Mead spoke to the article. Sally Small explained that this would be put on the ballot for State Primary and State General Elections for people to vote whether they want to change the hours. Kathy Mead added that it is difficult to get people to cover for the whole day. That is the reason for the proposed change.

Bill Mead made a motion to amend article 22 to read: To see if the town will place a question on the state election ballot to change the polling hours so that the polls shall open at 11:00AM and close at 7:00PM for all regular state elections beginning with the first state election as provided in RSA 659:4-a. The amendment was moved and seconded.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 22 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to modify the veteran's credit from \$1,400.00 to \$2,000 for service connected total and permanent disability as provided in RSA 72:27-a.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. There was a question about what the maximum amount is for permanent disability. Sally Small responded that it was \$2,000.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 23 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 24. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ken Ford spoke commending the group on a great meeting.

There being no reports or further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 24 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 25. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Bill Mead asked the people if they were opposed to waiving the reading of the articles? He explained that the article would be read before it is voted on but could be a time saver.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 25 passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Bill Mead also asked if there was any objection to changing next years meeting start time to 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM. This was voted on by a show of hands in favor. There was a majority of hands in favor so next years meeting time will be changed to 7:00 PM.

Ron Taksar, Chairman of the Select board presented Ramesh Dave with a plaque of appreciation for his 6-years of dedicated service to the Town as a Selectmen.

There being no further business to transact, there was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn L. Knowlton
Town Clerk

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$114,340,662.00
Buildings	170,282,324.00
Manufactured Housing	1,908,800.00
Electric Utilities	<u>2,679,400.00</u>
Gross Valuation	\$286,531,786.00
Blind Exemptions	(15,000.00)
Elderly Exemptions	<u>(80,000.00)</u>
Net Valuation	\$286,436,786.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$1,917,542.00
Revenues	<u>(844,046.00)</u>
Net Town Appropriations	1,073,496.00
Net School Appropriations	1,654,821.00
Net State Education Appropriations	577,350.00
Net County Appropriations	<u>328,053.00</u>
Total of Town, School & County	3,633,720.00
Less Shared Revenue	(8,756.00)
Add: Overlay	39,600.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>4,600.00</u>
Property Tax to be Raised	3,669,254.00
Less Credits	<u>(4,600.00)</u>
Taxes Committed to Treasurer	\$3,664,654.00

2006 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

Town	\$3.84
County	1.13
State	2.02
School	<u>5.72</u>
	\$12.71

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Franconia – December 31, 2006

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

No Outstanding Debt

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Town Hall, land & buildings	\$ 104,100.00	\$379,500.00	\$
General Government, buildings & equipment			40,583.00
Town Hall, equipment			2,072.00
Library, land & buildings	100,100.00	430,200.00	
Fire/Police, land & buildings	96,300.00	320,900.00	
Fire Department, equipment			278,682.00
Police Department, equipment			36,199.00
Highway Department/Transfer Station			
Land & buildings	134,300.00	86,500.00	
Highway Department, equipment			139,703.00
Transfer Station, equipment			9,335.00
Franconia Water Department			
Land & buildings	611,400.00	11,300.00	
Franconia Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			78,003.00
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Land & buildings	51,200.00		
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			56,826.00
Cemeteries	176,400.00		
Land in Bethlehem	185,055.00		
Land in Franconia	442,100.00		
Robert Frost House (Museum)	142,900.00	163,200.00	
Heritage Museum	116,100.00	226,200.00	
Interpretive Center (Museum)	108,600.00	6,700.00	
Dow Strip	313,800.00		
Fox Hill Park	290,300.00		
	(1)	(1)	(2)
TOTALS	\$2,872,655.00	\$1,624,500.00	\$641,403.00

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006
Cash Basis

Motor Vehicle Registration	\$227,660.49
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	560.00
Municipal Agent Fees	4,762.00
Dog Licenses	504.00
Pole License	20.00
Miscellaneous Permits/Fees	0.00
Vital Statistics	103.00
Marriage Licenses/Certificates	63.00
Certified Copy Fees to State	197.00
Marriage License Fees to State	342.00
UCC Filings and Requests	0.00
TOTAL	<u>\$234,211.49</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levy of 2006
For Year Ending December 31, 2006

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$3,668,447.00	
Yield Taxes	7,287.53	
Land Use Change Taxes	12,898.75	
Utility	<u>152,068.40</u>	<u>\$3,840,701.68</u>
Overpayment of Property Taxes	12,952.95	
Interest Collected	<u>2,921.76</u>	<u>15,874.71</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		<u>\$3,856,576.39</u>

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$3,293,913.21	
Yield Taxes	7,287.53	
Land Use Change Taxes	12,898.75	
Utility	130,439.07	
Overpayments	12,952.95	
Property Tax Abatement	300.00	
Utility Charge Abatement	482.28	
Interest Collected	<u>2,921.76</u>	<u>\$3,461,195.55</u>
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	374,233.79	
Utility	21,147.05	<u>395,380.84</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		<u>\$3,856,576.39</u>

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

LEVY OF 2005

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 2005	
Property Taxes	\$175,783.46
Yield Taxes	10,133.96
Land Use Change Taxes	22,559.83
Utility	11,959.29
Interest & Penalties Collected	<u>13,846.36</u>

TOTAL DEBITS

\$233,682.90

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer	
Property Taxes	\$150,358.49
Yield Taxes	10,133.96
Land Use Change Taxes	22,559.83
Utility	9,494.16
Interest Collected	13,846.36
Abatements	
Property Taxes	0.00
Utility	0.00
Uncollected Property Taxes	<u>27,290.10</u>

TOTAL CREDITS

\$233,682.90

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

DEBITS

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
January 1, 2005	\$	\$15,290.17	\$1,860.99
Taxes to Lien, Current FY	31,080.91		
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>444.03</u>	<u>1,290.02</u>	<u>184.67</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	31,524.94	16,580.19	2,045.66

CREDITS

Remittances To Treasurer			
Redemptions	11,130.93	8,244.33	534.94
Interest & Costs Collected	444.03	1,290.02	184.67
Abatements	60.04	89.19	
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>19,889.94</u>	<u>6,956.65</u>	<u>1,326.05</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$31,524.94	\$16,580.19	\$2,045.66

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Yvonne Bastianelli	\$ 2929.41	\$4,397.64	
James F. Cantlon	4,900.06		
Heidi Casey Wright	464.48	517.38	
Stephen J. Catudal	917.38		
Dutch Treat Restaurant	852.57		
Harriet Harris	3,264.08		
Edward Keyes	2.78		
David A. Lamoureaux, Jr.	256.78		
James R. Martin	2,157.92		
McKay, John E.	462.26	472.00	456.97
Joel C. McKenzie	94.99		
Jean E. Nassar		95.01	
Robert J O'Neill, Sr	68.94		
Robert P. Peckett, III	2,708.70	1,401.71	226.45
Stephen G. Robillard		72.91	
Gregory F. Shaw	36.80		
William Silver	59.29		
Von Pantz, Stokes Lott	521.87		642.63
Roy B. Williams	191.63		
TOTALS	\$19,889.94	\$6,956.65	\$1,326.05

2006 TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$1,183,148.43
Checking Account		
Beginning Balance	\$ 268,577.35	
Tax Collector	3,544,610.68	
Town Clerk	234,518.99	
Selectmen	572,978.09	
2005 Deposit in 2006	2,486.24	
Interest Earned	<u>402.69</u>	
Total Regular Revenues	4,354,996.69	
Loan Proceeds	150,000.00	
From Trustees	98,541.00	
From McLachlin-PDIP	6,861.23	
From NH-PDIP	<u>1,730,000.00</u>	
Total Other Revenue	1,985,402.23	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6,340,398.92	6,340,398.92

Total Regular Disbursements	(4,540,555.52)	
Transfer NH-PDIP	(850,000.00)	
Loan Payment	(150,000.00)	
Miscellaneous Debit/Fees	(322.60)	
Void Checks	1,565.35	
Misc Adj.	(.56)	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>(5,539,312.21)</u>	(5,539,312.21)
Ending Checking Balance	\$ 1,069,664.06	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 914,571.08	
Deposits	850,000.00	
Interest Earned	19,325.06	869,325.06
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(1,730,000.00)</u>	<u>(1,730,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 53,896.14	
Ending Cash Balance		\$1,123,560.20

LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$148,001.80
Interest Earned	<u>7,022.92</u>
Ending Balance	\$155,024.72

McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,745.61
Interest Earned	168.69
Transfer to General Fund	<u>(6,861.23)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 3,053.07

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 32,917.52
Deposits	
Transfer to General Fund	(2,086.44)
Interest Earned	<u>1,560.83</u>
Ending Balance	\$32,391.91

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$99,668.39
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,943.83	
Deposits	79,845.91	79,845.91
PDIP Transfers IN	20,000.00	20,000.00
PDIP Transfers OUT	(30,000.00)	(30,000.00)
Expenses	(69,208.95)	
Fees/Adj.	<u>(71.40)</u>	<u>(69,280.35)</u>
Ending Balance	3,509.39	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	96,724.56	
Deposits	30,000.00	
Interest Earned	5,184.78	35,184.78
Withdrawals to Checking	<u>(20,000.00)</u>	<u>(20,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$111,909.34	
Year End Cash Balance		\$115,418.73

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$125,515.35
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,369.26	
Water Rents	73,703.96	73,703.96
PDIP Transfers IN	19,000.00	19,000.00
PDIP Transfers OUT	(35,000.00)	(35,000.00)
Expenses	(57,655.33)	
Fees	<u>(50.60)</u>	<u>(57,705.93)</u>
Ending Balance	5,367.29	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	120,146.09	
Interest Earned	6,126.55	
Deposits from Checking	35,000.00	41,126.55
Withdrawals to Checking	<u>(19,000.00)</u>	<u>(19,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$142,272.64	
Year End Cash Balance		\$147,639.93

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Accrual Basis

TAXES

3110 - 3186 Revenue from Taxes	\$3,556,792.90
3190 Interest & Penalties	12,393.46

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210 - 3290 Motor Vehicles, Bldg. Permits & Other	240,076.43
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FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351-3353 State of New Hampshire	101,577.70
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FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton	20,299.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	47,875.00

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments:	
4130 Executive	422.50
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	55.00
4150 Financial Administration	515.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	1,753.00
4195 Cemeteries	1,575.00
4196 Insurance	7,273.00
4210 Police	2,205.73
4221 Life Squad	36,929.50
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	566.01
4312 Highway	1,902.50
4442 Welfare	945.00
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)	24,532.50

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

3502 Interest on Investments	19,727.75
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INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3915 Capital Reserve Funds	57,000.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	43,841.00

TOTAL REVENUES

\$4,178,257.98

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

4332 Water Department	10,973.65
4589 Museum Heating Oil/Gas	1,006.66
BC/BS – Lovett	3,854.28
Cobra Payments	503.41
Chamber of Commerce Bench	225.00
Conservation Commission Bench	225.00
Dow Strip Playground Trees	4,157.50
Planning Board Engineering Fees	540.00
Police Coverage	787.50
Recreation Field Trip Fees	478.00
Tax Anticipation Note	150,000.00

TOTAL TRANSFERS

\$ 172,751.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

TAXES

3110	Property Taxes	\$3,478,303.13	
3120	Land Use Change Tax	23,737.00	
3185	Yield Tax	16,962.77	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	<u>37,790.00</u>	
			\$3,556,792.90
3190	Interest & Penalties		12,393.46

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3220	Motor Vehicle Permits	227,644.99	
3230	Building Permits	5,966.44	
3290	Other Licenses & Fees	<u>6,465.00</u>	240,076.43

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351	Revenue Sharing	17,693.00	
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	39,399.88	
3353	Highway Block Grant	<u>44,484.82</u>	101,577.70

FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379	Town of Easton		
	Administrative Fees	2,000.00	
	Recreation Programs	3,588.00	
	Transfer Station	<u>14,711.00</u>	20,299.00
3379	Town of Sugar Hill		
	Administrative Fees	2,300.00	
	Dispatch Phone Lines	1,371.00	
	Recreation Programs	11,840.00	
	Transfer Station	<u>32,364.00</u>	47,875.00

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401	Income from Departments		
4130	Executive		
	Copies and Printouts	95.00	
	Current Use/LUCT Fees	85.00	
	Maps	122.50	
	Supplies Reimbursed/Rebates	60.00	
	Town History Sales	<u>60.00</u>	422.50
4140	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		
	Voter Checklist		40.00
4150	Financial Administration		
	Tax Collector Scholarship	480.00	
	Bank Charges Reimbursed	<u>35.00</u>	515.00
4191	Planning and Zoning		
	Hearing Fees	1,678.00	
	Zoning Ordinances	<u>75.00</u>	1,753.00

4195 Cemeteries		
Burials	1,550.00	
Willow Cemetery Restoration	25.00	1,575.00
4196 Insurance		
Liability Refund	7,131.00	
Worker's Compensation Refund	142.00	7,273.00
4210 Police		
Donations	325.00	
Pistol Permits	140.00	
Police Coverage	157.50	
Police Report	526.00	
Supplies Reimbursed	295.13	
Town Fines	500.00	
Witness Fees	262.10	2,205.73
4221 Life Squad		
Reports	10.00	
Supplies Reimbursed	191.99	
Town of Easton	500.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	1,500.00	
Transport Payments	34,727.51	36,929.50
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)		
Fines Paid to the Town	217.95	
Training Reimbursed	69.37	
Wages Reimbursed	278.69	566.01
4312 Highway Department		
Sale of Street Signs	265.00	
Supplies Reimbursed	30.00	
Transfer Station Reimbursement	1,607.50	1,902.50
4442 Welfare		
Assistance Reimbursed		945.00
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)		
Supplies Reimbursed	17.50	
Baseball Fees	2,240.00	
Basketball Fees	2,025.00	
Soccer Fees	2,095.00	
Summer Recreation Fees	18,155.00	24,532.50
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		
3502 Interest on Investments		
Connecticut River Bank	402.69	
NH-PDIP	19,325.06	19,727.75
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		
3915 Capital Reserve Funds		
Highway Loader	47,000.00	
Reassessment	10,000.00	57,000.00

3917 Expendable Trust Funds		
Highway Improvement	39,931.00	
Safety Services Building Fund	<u>3,910.00</u>	<u>43,841.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES		\$4,178,257.98
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)		
4332 Water Department		
Computer Support	245.00	
Gas, Diesel, etc.	356.47	
Insurance-Commercial Auto	508.06	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	92.98	
Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil	1,578.53	
Payroll Taxes	510.70	
Supplies	47.47	
Truck Repairs	59.11	
Wages	6,675.87	
Water Payments	763.89	
Workers Compensation	<u>135.57</u>	<u>10,973.65</u>
4589 Museum Heating Oil/Gas		1,006.66
BC/BS – Lovett		3,854.28
Chamber of Commerce Bench		225.00
Conservation Commission Bench		225.00
Cobra Payments		503.41
Dow Strip Playground Trees		4,157.50
Planning Board Engineering Fees		540.00
Police Coverage		787.50
Recreation Field Trip Fees		478.00
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>150,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 172,751.00

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Accrual Basis

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive	\$ 87,215.67
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	24,195.71
4150 Financial Administration	42,902.19
4152 Revaluation of Property	41,664.41
4153 Legal Expense	1,837.18
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards	17,692.94
4194 General Government Buildings	69,782.27
4195 Cemeteries	11,340.28
4196 Insurance	7,255.15
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations	12,534.00
4199 Other General Government	32,250.42

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police	266,431.01
4220 Fire	75,472.13
4221 Life Squad	45,898.64
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	2,750.26
4299 Emergency Phone Lines	25,388.39

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department	319,201.95
4316 Utilities	15,567.31

HEALTH

4415 Health Officer & Agencies	9,596.99
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WELFARE

4442 Direct Assistance	7,287.07
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation	60,802.38
4521 Parks	6,450.81
4583 Patriotic Purpose	1,000.00
4589 Museums	275.34

CONSERVATION

4619 General Expenses	5,440.00
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DEBT SERVICE

4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	2,991.78
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CAPITAL OULTAY

4902 Vehicles & Equipment	79,662.00
4903 Buildings	38,381.76
4909 Other Improvements	39,931.00

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
4912 Special Revenue Funds	129,430.50
4915 Capital Reserve Funds	119,550.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds	<u>65,100.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,665,279.54
ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS	1,536.38
WATER LIENS	2,949.03
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
4931 Grafton County	329,915.00
4933 School Districts	2,228,682.00
4939 State of New Hampshire	<u>518.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,228,879.95

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)	
4332 Water Department	10,973.65
4589 Museum	1,006.66
BC/BS, – Lovett	3,854.28
Chamber of Commerce Bench	225.00
Conservation Commission Bench	225.00
Cobra Payments	503.41
Dow Strip Playground Trees	4,157.50
Planning Board Engineering Fees	540.00
Police Coverage	787.50
Recreation Field Trip Fees	478.00
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>150,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 172,751.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive

General Expenses		
Bethlehem Property Tax	4,249.11	
Dues	974.08	
Equipment		
Maintenance/Repairs	1,067.18	
New	<u>59.99</u>	1,127.17
Maps		2,502.50
Miscellaneous		375.00
Newspaper Notices		61.00
Postage		901.30
Professional Assistance		1,600.00
Public Information		100.00
RSA Updates & Legal Material		290.85
Software Support		502.74
Supplies		1,181.79
Telephone		2,151.23
Training/Meetings		630.98
Salaries & Wages		
Administrative Assistant		19,795.80
Executive Secretary		10,106.93
Moderator		225.00
Secretary		13,841.28
Selectmen		4.00
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		22,041.34
Payroll Taxes		3,346.43
Retirement - Town Contribution		936.00
Workers Compensation		<u>271.14</u>
		\$ 87,215.67

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

Election/Registration		
General Expenses		
NH Votes Expense	2,015.75	
Voter Checklist Software	300.00	
Supplies	<u>217.80</u>	2,533.55
Town Clerk		
General Expenses		
Dog Tags		51.50
New Equipment		57.28
Newspaper Notices		125.00
Postage		363.99
Software Programs/Support		1,723.80
Supplies		359.90
Telephone		951.53

Workshops/Meetings	69.42	
Salaries & Wages		
Ballot Clerks	684.06	
Supervisor of the Checklist	763.00	
Town Clerk	13,287.59	
Deputy Town Clerk	2,023.89	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>1,201.20</u>	24,195.71
4150 Financial Administration		
Accounting & Reports		
Bank Charges	322.60	
Checks & Supplies	529.20	
Town Report	1,731.00	
Auditor	10,000.00	
Tax Collection		
Dues	20.00	
Mortgage Search	364.00	
Postage/Envelopes	1,209.26	
Software Programs/Support	1,747.00	
Recording Fees	81.80	
Supplies	237.78	
Tax Bills	195.00	
Workshops/Training	702.45	
Salary & Wages		
Bookkeeper	19,795.80	
Tax Collector	2,472.37	
Treasurer	1,627.00	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	1,866.93	42,902.19
4152 Revaluation of Property		
Art. 19 Property Revaluation	33,756.00	
General Expense	<u>7,908.41</u>	41,664.41
4153 Legal Expense		
General Matters		1,837.18
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards		
General Expenses		
Legal Fees	321.60	
Maps	300.00	
Meetings	150.00	
Newspaper Notices	401.25	
Postage	330.65	
Printing	199.20	
RSA Updates & Law Books	90.00	
Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment Recordings	52.00	

Supplies		97.00	
Master Plan			
Professional Assistance	12,400.00		
Supplies	<u>11.08</u>	12,411.08	
Salary & Wages			
Secretary	2,696.25		
ZBA Secretary	<u>406.55</u>	3,102.80	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		<u>237.36</u>	17,692.94
4194 General Government Buildings			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance		2,935.25	
Dow Clock		842.43	
Equipment			
Maintenance	161.84		
New	<u>2,909.99</u>	3,071.83	
Heating Oil		5,825.47	
Insurance			
Buildings & Equipment	657.52		
Commercial Auto	<u>254.03</u>	911.55	
Library Insurance		1,394.26	
Newspaper Ads		135.00	
Plantings		250.30	
Sidewalk Plowing		1,655.18	
Supplies		959.37	
Uniforms		500.00	
Vehicles			
Gas	2,084.28		
Maintenance	<u>536.78</u>	2,621.06	
Salaries & Wages		29,994.71	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		14,877.87	
Payroll Taxes		2,370.56	
Retirement - Town Contribution		624.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>813.43</u>	69,782.27
4195 Cemeteries			
General Expenses			
Electricity		148.95	
Equipment		324.24	
Newspaper Ads		50.00	
Supplies/Flags		826.29	
Tree Removal		1,080.00	
Waterline		825.65	
Salary & Wages		7,385.03	

Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	564.85	
Workers Compensation	<u>135.27</u>	11,340.28
4196 Insurance		
Liability	7,047.15	
Unemployment Compensation-Audit	<u>208.00</u>	7,255.15
4197 Advertising and Regional Assoc.		
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce	10,000.00	
Mt Washington Regional Airport	693.00	
North Country Council	<u>1,841.00</u>	12,534.00
4199 Other General Government		
Article 14 – Feasibility Study	22,446.51	
Article 18 – Street Numbers	7,803.91	
Article 32 – Franconia Children’s Center	<u>2,000.00</u>	32,250.42
PUBLIC SAFETY		
4210 Police		
General Expenses		
Boarding Fee-Stray Dogs	282.25	
Building Maintenance	3,125.70	
CNHSOU	2,500.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	967.56	
Firearms		
Ammunition	692.72	
New	83.29	
Training	<u>47.60</u>	823.61
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	175.51	
Commercial Auto	423.39	
Liability	<u>5,439.15</u>	6,038.05
Maps-911		53.32
Miscellaneous		470.38
Office		
Equipment		
New	729.81	
Repairs/Maintenance	305.81	
Software/Support	4,953.64	
Supplies/Postage	<u>1,009.11</u>	6,998.37
Photography		139.29
Radar Calibration		30.00
Radios		
Maintenance	961.32	
New Equipment	75.00	
Pager Lease	<u>279.72</u>	1,316.04
RSA Updates & Law Books		870.34

Safety Equipment		797.25	
Telephone		3,448.40	
Training Expense		1,508.65	
Uniforms			
Cleaning/Repairs	1,682.25		
New	<u>2,668.67</u>	4,350.92	
Vehicles			
Gas/Mileage Reimbursed	7,730.21		
Maintenance	1,733.04		
Repairs	1,579.09		
Supplies	<u>1,058.94</u>	12,101.28	
Salaries & Wages			
Officers		135,193.35	
Overtime		11,609.66	
Prosecuting		358.75	
Special Investigations		2,691.45	
Special Duty		592.00	
Specials		4,995.04	
Training		6,235.05	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		38,982.24	
Payroll Taxes		3,091.27	
Retirement – Town Contribution		14,827.21	
Workers Compensation		<u>2,033.58</u>	266,431.01

4220 Fire Department

General Expenses			
Administration and Supplies		555.45	
Building Maintenance			
Cleaning	1,296.73		
Electricity	3,560.37		
Maintenance	<u>1,597.05</u>	6,454.15	
Dues and Subscriptions		969.14	
Fire Prevention		180.55	
Gas and Diesel		1,362.50	
Heating Oil		4,428.59	
Insurance			
Building & Equipment	353.64		
Commercial Auto	<u>3,302.40</u>	3,656.04	
Maps – 911		53.34	
New Equipment			
SCBA	756.68		
Turnout Gear	5,877.26		
Radios & Pagers	1,384.78		
Rescue Tools	<u>705.50</u>	8,724.22	
Telephone		1,209.61	

Training and Prevention		3,877.00	
Vehicles and Equipment		9,519.12	
Salaries & Wages			
Fireman's Annual Pay		26,964.10	
Fireman's Fund		2,595.40	
Inspections		1,963.50	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		2,281.56	
Workers Compensation		<u>677.86</u>	75,472.13
4221 Life Squad			
General Expenses			
Billing & Collections Fee		3,569.42	
Maps – 911		53.34	
Equipment		1,344.94	
Pagers		1,850.07	
Radios		714.33	
Rescue Booker		435.00	
Supplies		3,209.08	
Telephone		335.72	
Training		3,381.64	
Uniforms		419.95	
Vehicles			
Commercial Auto Insurance	846.77		
Gas & Diesel	1,376.40		
Maintenance	<u>2,307.16</u>	4,530.33	
Wages & Benefits			
Wages	23,719.35		
Payroll Taxes	1,793.17		
Workers Compensation	<u>542.30</u>	26,054.82	45,898.64
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fires)			
General Expenses			
Equipment Maintenance		183.79	
Mileage Reimbursed		6.57	
New Equipment		666.54	
Supplies		99.25	
Vehicles			
Gas, Diesel & Oil	214.53		
Insurance	169.35		
Maintenance	<u>35.00</u>	418.88	
Salary & Wages			
Annual Pay	625.00		
Fire Fighting Pay	520.33		
Fire Fighting Training	<u>132.16</u>	1,277.49	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		<u>97.74</u>	2,750.26

4299 Dispatch Phone Lines		
8123 Phone Line	2,742.39	
Grafton County Dispatch	<u>22,646.00</u>	25,388.39

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department		
General Expenses		
Building Maintenance	5,897.03	
Dues	20.00	
Equipment		
Maintenance	1,690.36	
New	1,239.94	
Rental	3,930.00	
Repairs	<u>4,652.08</u>	11,512.38
Gas and Diesel		18,570.23
Gravel		5,624.62
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	280.20	
Commercial Auto	<u>2,963.70</u>	3,243.90
Newspaper Notices		66.25
New Tools		149.56
Random Drug Tests		203.50
Roadside Mowing		1,845.00
Road Oil		2,590.00
Safety		741.04
Sand and Salt		19,584.57
Street Sweeping		2,600.00
Supplies		5,120.54
Telephone		995.24
Training/Workshops		756.81
Uniforms		1,500.00
Vehicles		
Maintenance	2,426.40	
Repairs	<u>12,261.85</u>	14,688.25
Wallace Hill Road Plowing		480.00
Workers Comp Compliance		492.45
Salaries & Wages		
Wages		114,076.10
Overtime		8,824.31
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		39,243.55
Payroll Taxes		9,396.25
Retirement - Town Contribution		1,872.00
Workers Compensation		4,880.88
Highway Improvement	<u>44,227.49</u>	319,201.95

4316 Utilities	
Street Lighting	15,567.31

HEALTH

4415 Health Agencies		
ACHS	1,800.00	
American Red Cross	346.00	
Grafton County Senior Citizens	1,100.00	
Health Officer	583.99	
Hospice of Littleton Area	572.00	
Littleton Regional Hospital	1,500.00	
North Country Home Health	2,178.00	
North Country YMCA	250.00	
White Mountain Mental Health	<u>1,267.00</u>	9,596.99

WELFARE

4442 Welfare		
General Assistance	5,287.07	
Tri-County Community Action	<u>2,000.00</u>	7,287.07

CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation		
Executive Director	15,623.94	
Executive Director Expense	149.24	
Baseball and Softball		
Clinic/Umpire Fees	525.00	
League Fees	500.00	
Supplies	704.03	
Uniforms	1,387.02	
Basketball		
Referees	320.00	
Supplies	94.59	
Tournament Fees	750.00	
Uniforms	70.69	
Dow Maintenance Fund	1,500.00	
Rink and Ice Skating		
Equipment Maintenance	548.89	
Icemaking	1,760.03	
Rink Maintenance	778.98	
Supplies	46.09	
Utilities	1,480.24	
Rink Maintenance Fund	2,000.00	
Soccer		
Referees	200.00	
Supplies	3,006.95	
Tournament Expense	400.00	
Uniforms	439.94	
Summer Recreation		

Adventure Program		866.35	
Newspaper Notices		190.50	
Pool and Facilities		500.00	
Staff Workshops/Training		250.00	
Supplies		690.66	
Transportation		4,402.05	
Uniforms		641.85	
Salaries & Wages		17,242.61	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		2,648.16	
Workers Compensation		<u>1,084.57</u>	60,802.38
4521 Parks			
Dow Field			
Electricity	102.72		
Field Maintenance	4,056.72		
Portable Toilets	<u>921.00</u>	5,080.44	
Parks Mowing/Maintenance		1,214.81	
Supplies		<u>155.56</u>	6,450.81
4583 Patriotic Purpose			1,000.00
4589 Museums- Building Insurance			275.34
4619 Conservation			
General Expenses			
Dues		175.00	
Master Plan Expense		4,200.00	
Trees		<u>1,065.00</u>	5,440.00
DEBT SERVICE			
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Note			2,991.78
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
Article 5 – Mower & Trailer		9,000.00	
Article 9 – Loader/Backhoe		59,285.00	
Article 10 – Spreader		<u>11,377.00</u>	79,662.00
4903 Buildings			
Safety Services Building Maintenance		3,910.00	
Article 6 – Heating System		33,496.76	
Article 8 – Fire Code Upgrades		<u>974.99</u>	38,381.75
4909 Other Improvements			
Wells Road			39,931.00

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Franconia Town Hall
March 13, 2007 – 7:00 PM
Polls open from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town is in favor of adopting the proposed amendment to the Franconia Zoning Ordinance. (By Ballot.)

ARTICLE 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same, as set forth in the following budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$99,085.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	24,606.00
Financial Administration	38,913.00
Revaluation of Property	13,938.00
Legal Expenses	3,000.00
Planning & Zoning	10,465.00
General Government Buildings	81,682.00
Cemeteries	11,731.00
Insurance.....	8,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	12,629.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....	10,000.00)
(North Country Council.....	1,936.00)
(Regional Airport	693.00)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	288,655.00
Fire.....	73,626.00
Life Squad	50,411.00
Forest Fire	4,215.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	28,224.00
(Franconia's Share.....	27,674.00)

HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....324,588.00

UTILITIES

16,000.00

HEALTH & HOSPITALS.....9,513.00

(ACHS	1,800.00)
(American Red Cross.....	346.00)
(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens	1,100.00)
(Health Officer.....	500.00)
(Littleton Regional Hospital	1,500.00)
(North Country Home Health	2,750.00)
(North Country YMCA.....	250.00)
(White Mt. Mental Health.....	1,267.00)

WELFARE

6,300.00

(General Assistance	4,000.00)
(CAP	2,300.00)

CULTURE & RECREATION

Recreation Programs.....	64,703.00
(Franconia's Share	24,854.00)
Parks	8,420.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00
Museums.....	300.00
CONSERVATION	2,000.00
INTEREST	4,000.00

TOTAL.....(Franconia's Share \$1,145,105.00).....\$1,186,504.00

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventeen thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$117,450.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Highway Trucks, \$17,500; Police Cruisers, \$14,250; Fire Pumper Truck, \$40,000; Fire Equip Truck, \$26,000; Life Squad Van, \$7,500; Reassessment, 8,000 and Town Buildings Truck, \$4,200.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy two thousand six hundred dollars (\$72,600.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Cemetery, \$6,200; Highway Improvement, \$50,000; Sidewalk Improvement, \$5,000; Museum Maintenance, \$3,400 and Library Maintenance, \$8,000.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) to install a detection and fire alarm system in the Town Hall and the Library. The amount of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) is to come from taxation. The balance of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is to come from fund balance (surplus). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-two thousand eight hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$72,838.00) to purchase a truck with equipment for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The sum of thirteen thousand eight hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$13,838.00) is to come from general taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 2001 Ford F-550 with plow (\$14,000.00). The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000.00) to purchase a wood chipper for the Highway Department for the purpose of wind storm clean up and the much needed brush cutting to be done along the sides of the roads. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of and existing Highway Loader Capital Reserve Fund to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to be added to the newly named fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3 vote required).

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred forty four thousand nine hundred sixty dollars (\$244,960.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal with eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) from the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Special Revenue Fund surplus, Town of Sugar Hill (\$33,812.00), the Town of Easton (\$15,369.00), PAYT Fees (\$74,500.00), Special Handling Fees (\$35,000.00), and Recycled Material (\$25,000.00) and to raise fifty-three thousand two hundred and seventy-nine dollars (\$53,279.00) from taxation. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to be added to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend the transfer of this appropriation.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate one thousand-five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to be added to the Dow Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend the transfer of this appropriation.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-nine thousand eight hundred forty-two dollars (\$69,842.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of adding more security in the offices of the Town Hall. Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is to come from taxation. The balance of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is to come from fund balance (surplus). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the Franconia Children's Center to be used for general operating expenses. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for the study and implementation of the infrastructure improvements and to make the selectmen agents to expend. The sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) will come from the fund balance (surplus) and no amount will be raised from taxation. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to adopt the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit as described by the state general court, TitleV, Chapter 72, Property taxes, Section 72:28. The Veteran's optional tax credit would be the amount of \$500.00. In recognition for those veterans who made sacrifices and served in the armed forces of our country and were honorably separated from service for the country, as described in Section 72:28 IV (a thru c) and V (a thru g). (By petition.) The selectmen do not recommend this article.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to adopt under RSA 72:27-a an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with a wood heating energy system as defined in RSA 72:69.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to adopt under RSA 72:27-a an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property with a solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Franconia.

These actions to include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reduction of greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U. S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the town of Franconia encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices. (By petition.)

ARTICLE 22. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Ronald J. Taksar
Carl I. Belz
Richard McLeod
Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2006	Actual 2006	Estimated 2007
TAXES:			
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 28,399.00	\$ 28,399.00	\$ 10,000.00
3185 Yield Taxes	7,300.00	16,963.00	3,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	37,159.00	37,159.00	36,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties	9,800.00	12,393.00	10,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
3210 Business Permits	100.00	0.00	250.00
3220 Motor Vehicles	210,000.00	227,645.00	210,000.00
3230 Building Permits	4,500.00	5,996.00	4,500.00
3290 Other Fees – Town Clerk	5,000.00	6,465.00	4,000.00
FROM STATE:			
3351 Shared Revenues	7,075.00	7,075.00	7,075.00
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax	39,400.00	39,400.00	30,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	44,485.00	44,485.00	43,032.00
3359 Other	631.00	631.00	631.00
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
3379 Town of Easton	21,209.00	20,299.00	21,729.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	50,858.00	47,875.00	51,051.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
3401 Income from Departments	44,400.00	54,142.00	38,500.00
3409 PAYT Fees, etc.	138,190.00	136,457.00	134,500.00
3409 Recreation Enrollment Fees	18,455.00	24,922.00	21,100.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	26,000.00	26,000.00	14,000.00
3502 Interest on Investments	15,000.00	19,728.00	10,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
3912 Transfer Station Spec. Rev. Fund	24,000.00	22,427.00	8,000.00
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	57,000.00	57,000.00	45,000.00
3916 Trust Funds (Cemetery)	-0-	-0-	2,000.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	20,000.00	43,841.00	-0-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
3934 Long Term Borrowing	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fund Balance (Surplus)	35,085.00	27,532.00	30,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$844,046.00	\$906,834.00	\$734,368.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – EXPENDITURES			
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. 2006	Actual 2006	Estimated 2007
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
4130 Executive	\$ 93,246.00	\$ 87,216.00	99,085.00
4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.	22,639.00	24,196.00	24,606.00
4150 Financial Administration	41,986.00	42,902.00	38,913.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	6,150.00	7,908.00	13,938.00
4153 Legal Expense	3,500.00	1,837.00	3,000.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	18,855.00	17,693.00	10,465.00
4194 General Gov't. Buildings	75,306.00	69,782.00	81,682.00
4195 Cemeteries	11,330.00	11,340.00	11,731.00
4196 Insurance	8,500.00	7,255.00	8,500.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.	12,534.00	12,534.00	12,629.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
4210 Police	267,672.00	266,431.00	288,655.00
4220 Fire	71,480.00	75,472.00	73,626.00
4221 Life Squad	50,765.00	45,899.00	50,411.00
4290 Forest Fire	3,740.00	2,750.00	4,215.00
4299 Dispatch Phone Line	25,046.00	25,388.00	28,224.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
4312 Highway Department	321,762.00	319,202.00	324,588.00
4316 Utilities	16,000.00	15,567.00	16,000.00
HEALTH:			
4415 Health Officer & Agencies	9,213.00	9,597.00	9,513.00
WELFARE:			
4442 Direct Assistance & CAP	5,500.00	7,287.00	6,300.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:			
4520 Recreation	63,438.00	60,802.00	64,703.00
4521 Parks	8,000.00	6,451.00	8,420.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4589 Museums	300.00	275.00	300.00
CONSERVATION			
4619 General Expenses	6,500.00	5,440.00	2,000.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
4723 Interest on TANS	4,000.00	2,992.00	4,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
FY 2006			
Article 5: Mower & Trailer	9,000.00	9,000.00	-0-
Article 9: Highway Loader	83,285.00	83,285.00	-0-
Article 10: Highway Sander	13,877.00	13,377.00	-0-
FY 2007			
Article 8: Highway Truck	-0-	-0-	72,838.00
Article 9: Wood Chipper	-0-	-0-	23,000.00
4903 Buildings			
FY 2006			
Article 6: Town Hall Boiler	57,630.00	33,497.00	-0-

Article 7: Town Hall Alarm System	5,420.00	-0-	-0-
Article 8: Town Hall Fire Codes	9,050.00	975.00	-0-
EFT: Safety Services Maintenance	-0-	3,910.00	-0-
FY 2007			
Article 7: Town Buildings Alarms	-0-	-0-	17,000.00
Article15: Town Hall Security	-0-	-0-	10,000.00
4909 Other Improvements			
ETF: Highway Improvement	-0-	39,931.00	-0-
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
4912 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	260,262.00	249,074.00	244,960.00
Land Use Fund	-0-	11,868.00	-0-
Library	66,565.00	66,565.00	69,842.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:			
CRF: Life Squad Van	20,250.00	20,250.00	7,500.00
CRF: Highway Trucks	36,000.00	36,000.00	17,500.00
CRF: Police Cruiser	19,100.00	19,100.00	14,250.00
CRF: Town Buildings Vehicle	4,200.00	4,200.00	4,200.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Pumper)	30,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Equipment)	10,000.00	10,000.00	26,000.00
CRF: Reassessment	-0-	-0-	8,000.00
CRF: Buildings & Grounds Equipment	-0-	-0-	5,000.00
CRF: Highway Heavy Equipment	-0-	-0-	7,000.00
ETF: Sidewalks	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
ETF: Highway Improvement	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
ETF: Cemetery Restoration	-0-	-0-	6,200.00
ETF: Franconia Heritage Museum	6,300.00	6,300.00	3,400.00
EFT: Library Maintenance	3,800.00	3,800.00	8,000.00
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES (Recommended):			
FY 2006			
Article 14: Infrastructure Study	30,000.00	22,447.00	20,000.00
Article 18:Street Numbers	8,500.00	7,804.00	-0-
Article 19:Property Valuation Update	33,756.00	33,756.00	-0-
Article 20: Emergency Management ETF	5,085.00	5,085.00	-0-
Article 21: Franconia Children's Center	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,917,542.00	\$1,894,440.00	\$1,848,194.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements
Executive	\$93,246.00	\$ 864.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	22,639.00	55.00
Financial Administration	41,986.00	515.00
Revaluation of Property	6,150.00	-0-
Legal Expenses	3,500.00	-0-
Planning & Zoning	18,855.00	1,753.00
General Government Buildings	75,306.00	-0-
Cemeteries	11,330.00	1,575.00
Insurance	8,500.00	-0-
Advertising & Regional Associations	12,534.00	-0-
Police	267,672.00	2,206.00
Fire	71,480.00	-0-
Life Squad	50,765.00	(7,470.00)
Forest Fire	3,740.00	566.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	25,046.00	-0-
Highway Department	321,762.00	1,903.00
Utilities	16,000.00	-0-
Health Officer & Agencies	9,213.00	-0-
Welfare	5,500.00	945.00
Recreation	63,438.00	6,078.00
Parks	8,000.00	-0-
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	-0-
Museums	300.00	-0-
Conservation	6,500.00	-0-
Interest	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,728.00</u>
TOTALS	\$ 1,148,462.00	\$13,718.00

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
\$ 94,110.00	\$ 87,216.00	\$ 6,894.00	\$ -0-
22,694.00	24,196.00	-0-	1,502.00
42,501.00	42,902.00	-0-	401.00
6,150.00	7,908.00	-0-	1,758.00
3,500.00	1,837.00	1,663.00	-0-
20,608.00	17,693.00	2,915.00	-0-
75,306.00	69,782.00	5,524.00	-0-
12,905.00	11,340.00	1,565.00	-0-
8,500.00	7,255.00	1,245.00	-0-
12,534.00	12,534.00	-0-	-0-
269,878.00	266,431.00	3,447.00	-0-
71,480.00	75,472.00	-0-	3,992.00
43,295.00	45,899.00	-0-	2,604.00
4,306.00	2,750.00	1,556.00	-0-
25,046.00	25,388.00	-0-	342.00
323,665.00	319,202.00	4,463.00	-0-
16,000.00	15,567.00	433.00	-0-
9,213.00	9,597.00	-0-	384.00
6,445.00	7,287.00	-0-	842.00
69,516.00	60,802.00	8,714.00	-0-
8,000.00	6,541.00	1,459.00	-0-
1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
300.00	275.00	25.00	-0-
6,500.00	5,440.00	1,060.00	-0-
<u>8,728.00</u>	<u>2,992.00</u>	<u>5,736.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
\$1,162,180.00	\$1,127,306.00	\$46,699.00	\$11,825.00

NOTES

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT**4912 Special Revenue Funds**

Land Use Fund (50% LUCT)	11,868.50	
Library Appropriation	66,565.00	
Transfer Station Appropriation	<u>50,997.00</u>	129,430.50

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES**4915 Capital Reserve Funds**

Life Squad Van	20,250.00	
Fire Truck – Equipment	10,000.00	
Fire Truck – Pumper	30,000.00	
Highway Truck	36,000.00	
Police Cruisers	19,100.00	
Town Buildings Truck	<u>4,200.00</u>	119,550.00

4916 Expendable Trust Funds

Heritage Museum Maintenance	6,300.00	
Highway Improvement	50,000.00	
Library Building Maintenance	3,800.00	
Sidewalk Improvement	<u>5,000.00</u>	65,100.00

SUB-TOTAL**\$1,665,279.54****ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS****1,536.38****WATER DEPARTMENT LIENS****2,949.03****PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS****4931 Grafton County Tax****329,915.00****4933 School Districts**

Lafayette Regional School District	1,009,507.00	
Profile School District	<u>1,219,175.00</u>	2,228,682.00

4939 State of New Hampshire

Marriage Licenses	342.00	
Dog License Fees	<u>176.00</u>	518.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES**\$4,228,879.95****TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)****4332 Water Department**

Computer Support	245.00
Gas & Diesel	356.47
Insurance – Commercial Auto	508.06
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	92.98
Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil	1,578.53
Supplies	47.47
Truck Repairs	59.11

Water Payments	763.89	
Wages	6,675.87	
Payroll Taxes	510.70	
Workers Compensation	<u>135.57</u>	10,973.65
4589 Museum Heating Oil/Gas		1,006.66
BC/BS Lovett		3,854.28
Cobra Insurance Payments		503.41
Chamber of Commerce Bench		225.00
Conservation Commission Bench		225.00
Dow Strip Playground Trees		4,157.50
Planning Board Engineering Fees		540.00
Police Coverage		787.50
Recreation Field Trip Fees		478.00
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>150,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 172,751.00

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 37,093.79
Income		
Town of Franconia	50,997.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	32,364.00	
Town of Easton	14,711.00	
PAYT Bags	72,099.35	
Special Handling Fees	34,280.50	
Recycled Material	23,331.15	
NH the Beautiful Grant	5,000.00	
Interest Earned	<u>1,560.83</u>	234,343.83
Expenses		
Solid Waste Disposal		
MSW Hauling	5,522.72	
MSW Tipping	31,610.84	
Bulky Disposal		
Roll Off Hauling	7,988.22	
Roll Off Tipping	20,692.12	
Roll Off Rental	600.00	
Tires	660.50	
Electronics	1,536.92	
Other	2,119.74	
Utilities	4,299.63	
General Expenses		
Dues	2,283.67	
PAYT Bags	10,011.50	
Insurance	121.53	
Supplies & Baling Wire	2,092.90	
Oil & Gas	1,220.29	
Training & Certification	198.95	
Uniforms	415.26	
Equipment Maintenance	1,185.04	
Sanding	2,000.00	
Capital Improvements	22,427.00	
Wages	98,617.59	
Benefits		
Health Insurance	21,070.74	
Retirement	1,872.00	
Workers' Compensation	2,982.58	
Payroll Taxes	<u>7,544.36</u>	<u>249,073.60</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 22,364.02

2007-2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The 2007 – 2013 Capital Improvements Plan, adopted by the Franconia Planning Board and accepted by the Franconia Board of Selectmen, was completed by a diverse group of seven citizens, appointed by the Planning Board and the CIP Chairperson. The Committee worked from April through December 2006 on this year's effort.

The Committee interviewed all Town Operational Department Heads, the Fire and Life Squad Chiefs, Recreation, Library and Heritage Society representatives and the Town's Select Board and administration to collect their anticipated capital needs, and the priority of the needs, for the time frame 2007-2013. These individual requests were then laid out in an annualized schedule and prioritized in relation to each other and the Town's historical yearly capital expenditures and the ability to raise monies to fund the projects in the future. The Committee's review and budgeting of projects was done in light of the substantial infrastructure projects being considered by the standing Infrastructure Committee (IFC) as well as the pending Profile School appropriation and Bond votes.

Next, a draft of the CIP was published to use a higher short-range target of approximately \$300,000 for 2006 and 2007 in anticipation of budgetary pressures caused by Profile School funding and the possible need to fund sizable Town infrastructure projects in the coming years. This would represent an approximately 11% increase for the next two years over the Town's six year historical average for dollars per \$1000 of property value. Next, a draft of the CIP was published and made available for the citizen's review. A public hearing was then held to elicit comment on the draft and the feedback reflected in the committee's final draft to be presented for adoption to the Planning Board. The CIP was presented to the Planning Board on January 10th, 2006 and officially adopted. The Committee presented the Plan to the Select Board on January 17th, 2006 for use in their planning of the Town of Franconia 2006 annual budget.

The CIP Committee would like to highlight a few specific findings and concerns that it recommends receive further consideration by the CIP Committee, Planning and Select Boards, newly formed Infrastructure Committee and the community at large:

1) The CIP Committee recommends to the Select Board that a Capital Acceptance Plan (CAP) or similar process be established for the large infrastructure projects that have been recognized and action recommended by the Infrastructure Committee (IFC). A CAP type process would assist the Town Administrators and the standing Committees (CIP, IFC, PB), working with the citizenry, to establish the best strategy for the execution of a given project(s) and secure its acceptance for funding. This effort would take into consideration the current Master Plan, CIP, IFC recommendations and present tax burden in crafting an acceptable and effective strategy to address the Town's substantial infrastructure needs.

2) The CIP Committee recommends that the Town consider long term financing, either in the form of bonding or bank financing, for some of the larger proposed capital projects. In lieu of having reserved for these needs in years past, the identified timing of these projects, and the relative present cost of borrowing, this method of raising monies seems prudent and effective in managing the tax impact of these capital expenditures.

3) The CIP Committee plans to establish a more structured and rigorous RFP process for the proposal and acceptance of capital needs requested by the Operating Departments and Town organizations. By improving this process, the Committee, working with the requestors, hopes to improve the efficiency, accuracy and cost effectiveness of the individual requests. It is also anticipated that this effort will improve the appropriate timing and level of Reserve Fund appropriations.

4) The CIP Committee recommends that the Select Board prepare a comprehensive long range plan for the upgrades necessary at the Town Hall (windows, insulation, ADA bathroom, security construction, etc...) This seems especially necessary in light of the IFC's proposed reconfiguring and improvements to the building.

5) The CIP Committee recommends that the Road Agent, working with the Select Board, Planning Board and Infrastructure Committee, establish a long range Strategic Plan for the Town's roads. This plan would provide recommendations and schedules for maintenance and improvements to existing roads and identify required new construction. This plan would be used to establish appropriate and realistic annual funding to be included in the CIP. (This recommendation is in lieu of the yet to be completed and accepted Plan being prepared by NCC)

Finally, the CIP Committee would like to thank all Town employees, administrators, board members and citizens for their generous contributions of time and consideration in establishing and delivering Franconia's 2007-2013 CIP. We are hopeful that the plan and process will be an important aid to the Select Board in their annual budgeting and result in improved capital planning and investment for the Town of Franconia.

Respectfully,
The CIP Committee
Ann Ackley
Carl Belz
Ken Ford
Mary Fowler
Rick Gaudette
Jim Hamblin
Steve Plant
Brian Williams

THE COLONEL OLIVER NELSON PLANNING AWARD

Colonel Oliver Nelson is one of the original founders of North Country Council and a long time board member and supporter of the Council. He is passionate about planning; his vision for the region and the Council is the base for which the Council was created. The Colonel Oliver Nelson Award for planning is awarded to a person, organization or community that represents the vision and innovative spirit that Colonel Nelson so often demonstrated. Nominations for this award are recommended by the staff to acknowledge outstanding planning efforts in the region.

This year's recipient of the Colonel Oliver Nelson Award is the Town of Franconia. The volunteer local committees and boards of the Town of Franconia have emphasized the importance of comprehensive planning. In 2004, North Country Council was contacted by the town to assist them in the development of a Capital Improvements Plan. Shortly after this planning process began the town's planning board began working with NCC on the development of the town's Master Plan. Over the past few years the town has completed the Capital Improvements Plan, formed an Infrastructure Committee to review community facility needs in town, spent two years on the rewrite of the entire Master Plan, completed an All Hazards Mitigation Plan, Worked with Watershed to Wildlife on a Natural Resource Inventory and have now begun developing steps towards the creation of a Town Trail and Recreation Plan. The Town of Franconia is an example to all towns on how to embrace all facets of planning and work on a comprehensive vision for the future. Ron Taksar from the Board of Selectmen will be accepting the award on the town's behalf.

In addition to the Oliver Nelson Award, we would like to present the town with a useful resource book on Trail Planning and Maintenance developed by the Rails to Trails Conservancy in hopes that it will provide some assistance in the development of their Trail and Recreation Plan.

VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
Emergency Generator	\$15,000.00	\$12,750.00	20	\$750.00
2004 Rescue Tools	20,000.00	14,000.00	10	2,000.00
2003 Kenworth Pumper Truck	215,000.00	172,000.00	20	10,750.00
1997 Ford Rescue Van	110,000.00	11,000.00	10	11,000.00
1993 Sutphen Delage Pumper	180,000.00	63,000.00	20	9,000.00
1988 Ford Equipment Van	20,000.00	-0-		-0-
1978 Ford Attack Pumper	40,000.00	-0-		-0-
1934 LaFrance Pumper (antique)				
Scott Air Pack (10)	14,250.00	5,776.00	20	705.00
Protective Gear	15,000.00	-0-		-0-
5,000 ft. 4" Hose	20,000.00		10	-0-
3,000 ft 2-1/2" Hose	3,000.00			-0-
1,500 ft. 1-1/2" Hose	2,000.00	-0-		-0-
Fittings	4,000.00	-0-		-0-
Smoke Ejectors (2)	684.00	-0-		-0-
Nozzles & Deck Guns	10,000.00	-0-		-0-
1997 Mini Responder Kit (Life Squad)	393.00	-0-		-0-
1997 Computer	1,520.00	-0-		-0-
Communications Equipment:				
David Clark Headsets	3,636.00	-0-		
Mobile Radios (5)	18,000.00	-0-		
Portable Radios (15)	12,800.00	-0-		-0-
Base Radio	3,500.00	-0-		-0-
Beepers (35)	16,975.00	126.00	10	131.00
Totals	\$725,758.00	\$278,652.00		\$34,336.00

POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2005 Chevy Impala	\$21,102.00	7,034.00	3	\$7,034.00
2005 Chevy Tahoe	26,657.00	15,933.00	5	5,332.00
1997 Spec. Mountain Bike	350.00	-0-	5	-0-
2002 Astro Portable Radios (4)	9,758.00	1,950.00	5	1,950.00
1992 GE Mobile (2)	930.00	-0-	10	-0-
1998 Kenwood Mobile	1,464.00	183.00	8	183.00
Siren, Lights	1,200.00	-0-	5	-0-
1989 Siren	210.00	-0-	10	-0-
1999 Eagle Radar	3,095.00	-0-	5	-0-
2004 Eagle Radar	2,212.00	886.00	5	442.00
Matrix Personal Body Armor	1,180.00	472.00	5	236.00

2002 Sony Camcorder	650.00	110.00	6	108.00
2001 Video Cameras (2)	10,360.00	4,144.00	10	1,036.00
2001 Digital Cameras (2)	600.00	240.00	10	60.00
1999 Laptop Computer	3,353.00	-0-	5	
2005 Dell Computers (2)	3,278.00	1,966.00	5	656.00
2005 Label Printer	300.00	180.00	5	60.00
2005 HP Printer	920.00	552.00	5	184.00
2005 Typewriter	575.00	345.00	5	115.00
2002 Colt TR (2)	1,400.00	700.00	10	140.00
2002 Colt TR (2) – (Mil. Surplus)	150.00	75.00	10	15.00
2001 Colt TR	700.00	280.00	10	70.00
2000 Colt TR	700.00	210.00	10	70.00
Sig. 45 cal (7-1997)	3,709.00	119.00	10	370.00
Sig. 9mm (1-1995)	587.00	174.00	10	59.00
1989 Mossberg shotgun (2)	393.00	62.00	10	33.00
1998 Stinger Spikes (2)	1,430.00	524.00	10	143.00
Misc. Office	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	5	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$100,263.00	\$36,199.00		\$18,296.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2004 Ford Truck	\$44,794.00	\$11,197.00	4	\$11,199.00
2001 Ford Truck	44,980.00	-0-	10	11,245.00
2000 Mack Truck	71,102.00	14,222.00	10	7,110.00
1995 Mack Truck	76,702.00	-0-	10	7,672.00
2004 Spreader	5,000.00	3,500.00	10	500.00
2006 Spreader	15,000.00	12,500.00	6	2,500.00
2006 CAT Backhoe/Loader	83,000.00	74,700.00	10	8,300.00
1986 Caterpillar Grader	55,000.00	18,330.00	15	3,667.00
1985 Highway Sweeper	12,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
1999 Radio	415.00	124.00	10	42.00
Radios	4,400.00	-0-	10	-0-
Snow Plow	5,000.00	4,000.00	3	500.00
Steam Jenny & Generator	3,700.00	370.00	10	370.00
Air Impact Wrench	650.00	260.00	10	65.00
Compressor	1,163.00	-0-	10	-0-
2 Chain Saws	1,000.00	500.00	2	500.00
Welder	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	10	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$425,406.00	\$139,703.00		\$34,753.00

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2004 Dell Computer	\$1,376.00	\$824.00	5	\$276.00
2003 Dell Computer	2,051.00	411.00	5	410.00
2001 Cannon Copier	250.00	-0-	5	50.00
1999 Computers	4,210.00	-0-	5	-0-
2005 Copier	1,395.00	837.00	5	279.00
1998 Computer	2,077.00	-0-	5	-0-
1999 HP Laser Printer	500.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 HP Laser Printer	860.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Fax Machine	399.00	-0-	5	-0-
1993 Typewriter	180.00	-0-	4	-0-
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	-0-	8	-0-
Totals	\$13,988.00	\$2,072.00		\$965.00

TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price		Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2001 Container	\$1,863.00	(54%)	\$933.00	10	\$186.00
2006 Bobcat	9,452.00	(52%)	8,102.00	10	1,350.00
1999 Baler	4,928.00	(54%)	-0-	5	-0-
1999 Containers	2,430.00	(54%)	486.00	10	243.00
1985 Trash Compactor	20,000.00	(60%)	-0-	10	-0-
Totals	\$38,673.00		\$9,335.00		\$1,779.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2005 Ford Truck	\$29,000.00	\$24,857.00	7	\$4,143.00
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	-0-	8	96.00
2002 John Deere Tractor	24,213.00	21,186.00	8	3,027.00
1996 John Deere Mower	4,195.00	-0-	5	-0-
2005 59" Snow blower	2,850.00	2,280.00	5	570.00
1995 Toro Snow blower	733.00	-0-	5	-0-
2004 Wright Mower	5,800.00	1,160.00	5	4,640.00
1992 Gravely Mower	2,588.00	-0-	5	-0-
1986 Gravely Sweeper	3,900.00	-0-	10	-0-
Totals	\$73,969.00	\$49,483.00		\$12,476.00

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Income Statement For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2006

REVENUES

Income	VILLAGE	MITTERSILL
Water Rents	\$76,049.02	\$69,213.55
Other Income	<u>400.00</u>	<u>3,751.71</u>
Total Income	\$76,449.02	\$72,965.26

EXPENDITURES

Wages	\$ 4,517.82	\$ 2,498.30
Software	915.98	539.67
Postage	228.05	78.00
Bank Charges	98.95	48.00
Training	25.00	-0-
Advertising/Printing	82.65	-0-
Phone	353.25	-0-
Contract Labor	20,887.50	20,896.63
Water Testing	2,926.71	1,209.53
PSNH	8,980.12	5,271.71
Chlorine	2,691.82	645.94
Pumps	-0-	688.36
Supplies	925.85	-0-
Supplies-Misc.	3,695.08	155.55
Repairs	5,581.47	706.03
General Maintenance	43.03	944.69
Grounds-Plowing	8,951.00	1,759.59
Oil, Gas	1,294.35	647.18
Truck	1,605.72	792.43
Well Development	-0-	19,683.02
Computer Controls	<u>2,083.12</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$65,887.47	\$56,964.63
Income Over Expenses	\$10,561.55	\$16,000.63
Transfer to Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00	\$16,000.00

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet

For The Year Ending December 31, 2006

Accrual Basis

ASSETS

	VILLAGE	MITTERSILL
Cash on Hand/Checking	\$ 3,505.38	\$ 5,369.89
Reserve Account	111,909.34	142,272.64
Accounts Receivable	17,141.85	4,005.20
Stock on Hand	<u>8,729.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Assets	\$141,285.57	\$151,647.73

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

Accounts Payable	-0-	-0-
Surplus	<u>\$141,285.57</u>	<u>\$151,647.73</u>
Total Liability Surplus	\$141,285.57	\$151,647.73

EQUIPMENT AT COST

Storage Tank	-0-	\$ 7,786.00
Mains	\$75,858.00	44,598.00
Hydrants	-0-	2,668.00
Pumps	-0-	-0-
Tools & Equipment	<u>2,145.00</u>	<u>1,774.00</u>
Total Equipment at Cost	\$78,003.00	\$56,826.00

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

	PRINCIPAL Prin. Bal. Beginning of Year	Funds Added or Reinvested	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities
Common Trust Fund Investments:			
Cemetery Fund	66,312.55	40,000.00	20,220.37
Quick & Reilly	30,000.00	(30,000.00)	-0-
Subtotal	96,312.55	10,000.00	20,220.37
Capital Reserve Funds:			
Bridge Construction	6,694.41	271.99	-0-
Reassessment	11,270.07	447.33	-0-
Legal	12,916.50	554.55	-0-
Police Cruiser	2,145.44	19,656.50	-0-
Handicap Access	84.09	3.38	(14.00)
Dow Field	1,522.74	1,595.79	-0-
Fire Truck Pumper	37,439.04	32,303.91	-0-
Fire Truck Equipment	10,042.10	10,660.12	-0-
Highway Truck	20,709.64	37,711.72	-0-
Highway Loader	47,914.74	1,943.01	-0-
Life Squad Van	75,329.26	23,967.05	-0-
Town Buildings Truck	3,889.93	4,463.36	-0-
Transfer Station Equipment	5,317.13	215.84	-0-
	235,275.09	133,794.55	(14.00)
Expendable/Maintenance Funds:			
Sidewalk Improvement	14,947.28	5,705.81	-0-
Highway Improvement	12,049.60	51,480.00	-0-
Town Building Maintenance	20,689.74	818.64	
Library Building Maintenance Fund	5,033.04	4,086.22	-0-
Safety Services Facilities Improv.	247,521.24	11,461.22	-0-
Rink Surface Maintenance Fund	8,097.51	2,366.24	-0-
Cemetery Restoration	4,984.29	196.99	-0-
Health Insurance Deductions	5,082.91	201.20	-0-
Heritage Museum	2,306.28	6,535.47	
Emergency Management	1,016.56	39.89	-0-
	321,728.45	82,891.68	-0-
Scholarship Fund	109,185.13	-0-	16,535.14
Remedial Education	118,583.11	4,691.83	-0-
Lafayette School Maintenance	122,689.47	40,588.41	-0-
Lucy Pfosi Memorial Fund	10,208.63	-0-	1,701.24

December 31, 2006

		INCOME			
Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
-0-	126,532.92	5,929.08	20,220.37	-0-	26,149.45
-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
-0-	126,532.92	5,929.08	20,220.37	-0-	26,149.45
-0-	6,966.40	-0-	271.99	(271.99)	-0-
10,000.00	1,717.40	-0-	447.33	(447.33)	-0-
-0-	13,471.05	-0-	554.55	(554.55)	-0-
-0-	21,801.94	-0-	556.50	(556.50)	-0-
-0-	73.47	-0-	3.38	(3.38)	-0-
-0-	3,118.53	-0-	95.79	(95.79)	-0-
-0-	69,742.95	-0-	2,303.91	(2,303.91)	-0-
-0-	20,702.22	-0-	660.12	(660.12)	-0-
-0-	58,421.36	-0-	1,711.72	(1,711.72)	-0-
47,000.00	2,857.75	-0-	1,943.01	(1,943.01)	-0-
-0-	99,296.31	-0-	3,717.05	(3,717.05)	-0-
-0-	8,353.29	-0-	263.36	(263.36)	-0-
-0-	5,532.97	-0-	215.84	(215.84)	-0-
57,000.00	312,055.64	-0-	12,744.55	(12,744.55)	-0-
-0-	20,653.09	-0-	705.81	(705.81)	-0-
39,931.00	23,598.60	-0-	1,480.00	(1,480.00)	-0-
-0-	21,508.38	-0-	818.64	(818.64)	-0-
-0-	9,119.26	-0-	286.22	(286.22)	-0-
3,910.00	255,072.46	-0-	10,044.08	(10,044.08)	-0-
-0-	10,463.75	-0-	366.24	(366.24)	-0-
-0-	5,181.28	-0-	196.99	(196.99)	-0-
-0-	5,284.11	-0-	201.20	(201.20)	-0-
-0-	8,841.75	-0-	235.47	(235.47)	-0-
-0-	1,056.45	-0-	39.89	(39.89)	-0-
43,841.00	360,779.13	-0-	14,374.54	(14,374.54)	-0-
-0-	125,720.27	1,033.51	16,535.14	(4,000.00)	13,568.65
-0-	123,274.94	-0-	4,691.83	(4,691.83)	-0-
-0-	163,277.88	-0-	5,588.41	(5,588.41)	-0-
-0-	11,909.87	-0-	1,984.95	(250.00)	1,734.95

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2006
ASSETS

Cash in Banks and on hand	\$36,400.48
Income due from trust funds	1,085.10
Prepaid assets (heating oil contract)	<u>715.62</u>
Total Assets	38,201.20

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Accounts Payable	486.41
Accrued Payroll	<u>4,131.20</u>
Total Liabilities	4,617.61
Unreserved Designated Fund Balance	<u>33,583.59</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$38,201.20

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
December 31, 2006

REVENUES

From the Town of Franconia	\$66,565.00
From Trust Funds	12,204.76
From Other Trust Fund Donations	3,631.92
From Public Donations	5,166.95
From Copies, Fines, Lost Books, etc.	573.06
From Non-Resident Card Fees	754.00
From Bank Interest	<u>57.42</u>
 Total Revenues	 \$88,953.11

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary	\$24,050.04
Other Wages	22,588.45
Payroll Taxes	3,586.63
Books	6,683.86
Insurance – Health	5,130.00
– Business	1,104.00
Utilities	6,029.52
Office & Library Expenses	1,929.27
Computer	4,036.00
Computer Expenses	1,479.00
Bookkeeping	1,600.00
Repairs & Maintenance Supplies	1,703.68
Programs	314.87
Pension Funding	457.00
Dues	360.00
Training	35.00
Postage	66.63
Mileage	<u>31.15</u>
 Total Expenditures	 \$81,185.10
 Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	 7,768.01
Beginning Fund Equity	<u>25,815.58</u>
Ending Fund Equity	\$33,583.59

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY – DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Services: Items Loaned

Adult Fiction	3,836
Adult Non-Fiction	1,951
Juvenile Fiction	868
Juvenile Non-Fiction	490
Easy Reading	1,121
Youth Fiction	137
Youth Non-Fiction	14
Periodicals	449
Cassettes (Books on Tape)	561
Books on CD	211
CD’s	123
Vertical File	5
Puzzles	40
Films	0
Videos	656
DVD’s	182
Total	<u>10,644</u>

Accessions: Library Materials

Totals 12/31/05	22,927
Purchased 2006	
Books	206
Paperbacks	66
Cassettes	0
Videos	0
DVD’s	24
Books on CD	1
CD’s	0
Gifts	
Books	39
Paperbacks	50
Cassettes	15
Videos	21
DVD’s	4
Books on CD	16
CD’s	<u>9</u>
Puzzles	0
Total Accessions	451

Withdrawn (520)

Total on 12/31/06 22,858

Books on CD Leased 12

Borrowed from NH State Library	75
Borrowed from Other NH Libraries.....	609
Borrowed from Lafayette Regional School .	61
Loaned to Other NH Libraries	441
New Borrower Cards	88
.....	
Total Active Borrowers.....	705

Periodicals Purchased	39
Periodicals Gift	6
Newspapers.....	4
Adult Programs.....	3
Attendance.....	49
Children’s Programs	24
Attendance	290

Respectfully submitted,
Jane A. Cloran

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
Report of Funds, Checking Accounts & Income Earned Thereon
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

NAME OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
	Balance Beginning of Year	Funds Added or Reinvested	Gains or (Losses) from Sales	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	\$ 52,956.84	.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$ 52,956.84	\$ 3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$ -0-
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	30,794.11	.00	.00	.00	30,794.11	1,461.41	1,461.41	-0-
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	70,827.74	.00	.00	.00	70,827.74	2,940.29	2,940.29	-0-
Jarvis D. Blair Fund	49,368.94	.00	.00	.00	49,368.94	2,471.68	2,471.68	-0-
Phillips Fund	5,110.52	54.60	.00	.00	5,165.12	296.09	296.09	-0-
J.C. Blair Fund	2,500.00	571.81	.00	.00	3,071.81	11.76	.00	112.07
J.C. Blair Fund	10,530.56	.00	.00	.00	10,530.56	571.81	571.81	-0-
J.C. Blair Fund	13,457.48	.00	.00	.00	13,457.48	1,313.45	1,313.45	-0-
Karl Schaffer Fund	9,621.26	.00	.00	.00	9,621.26	525.21	525.21	-0-
Holt	5,780.00	.00	.00	.00	5,780.00	250.67	.00	1,571.44
TOTALS	\$250,947.45	\$ 626.41	\$.00	\$.00	\$251,573.86	\$13,442.37	\$13,179.94	\$1,683.51

FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

As I step down as Chief of the Franconia Fire Department, I want to thank the Life Squad, the Franconia Police Department, and the members of the Fire Department for their support over the years that I served as Fire Chief. It was a privilege to work with such dedicated, selfless and skilled professionals. I also want to thank the Select Boards, The Select Board's Assistant, Sally Small and the Town Office Staff who made my job easier by their patience and skill.

I look forward to continued service on the Fire Department under the leadership of Chief Richard McLachlin, a veteran of more than 30 years on the Department.

Franconia is a busy department, one of the busiest call departments in the State. We had about 25 members who were called out 110 times in 2006. Franconia firefighters fought five structure fires four in neighboring mutual aid communities and one fire in town that was contained with minor property damage and no injuries. The statistics speak for themselves:

Here is a log of our calls according to major categories:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Motor Vehicle calls	51	38
Alarm Activations	12	19
Mutual Aid calls	12	19
Lines Down		13

Prevention is the most important job of any fire department. We thank Franconia citizens for checking their smoke alarms and cleaning their chimneys.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Odell, Chief

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

2006 was our first full year as a transporting ambulance and the transition from a non-transporting first response unit to a full transporting ambulance service has been smooth. The Life Squad has received praise for its member's professionalism and high level of skills from the Littleton Regional Hospital and from patients.

Members are from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton and are dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency medical service to the communities it serves. Our members are all Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians and are constantly training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take a refresher course and an extensive practical exam. Our members are very well trained with most members far exceeding the required minimum training.

Currently, four of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support and two members are in the process of being certified at the advanced life support level. These members can administer certain medications and start intravenous lines. Many of our members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care.

Chris Fowler retired from the Franconia Life Squad after many years in order to spend more time with the Franconia Police Department. The Franconia Life Squad works closely with the area Police and Fire Departments as a seamless team that allows for a quick and professional mitigation of an emergency situation. The Franconia Life Squad currently has 17 active members, which is more than it has ever had in its 34-year history. Current active members of the Franconia Life Squad include:

Chief Dean Wright		
Asst. Chief Bill Mead		Captain Robert Anthony
Bill Blackwell	Tim Bray	Lani Brown
Brian Canelas	Allan Clark	Amy Cyrs
Evelyn Eastonn	Jeff Gould	John Ireland
Linda Mordhorst	Flo Place	Gareth Slattery
Mark Taylor	Dan Walker	

During 2006 the Franconia Life Squad was involved in the following incidents:

	<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>	
	CALLS	TRANSPORTS	CALLS	TRANSPORTS
Franconia	105	65	113	39
Sugar Hill	40	1	27	1
Easton	9	3	10	10
Mutual Aid	1	1	6	6
TOTAL	155	70	156	56

Note: FLS did not start transporting until 4/1/05

The Franconia Life Squad is well prepared to assist the citizens and visitors to the area twenty-four hours a day seven days a week by providing quality emergency medical care.

In 2006 the operating expenses were \$45,572 and income obtained from patient billing and Sugar Hill and Easton subsidies totaled \$36,777 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being \$8,795 or roughly half the 2004 cost, which was prior to transporting when the Ross Ambulance subsidy is included.

I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support. I especially thank the members of the Life Squad for their countless hours dedicated to serving others in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted
Dean Wright
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

In Franconia, open burning requires a permit year round. For homeowner protection no permit is issued without an onsite inspection.

Permits may be obtained from:

George Whitcomb	Warden
Richard McLachlin	Deputy Warden
Roger Odell	Deputy Warden
Harvey Flanders	Deputy Warden

Thank you for your cooperation,
George Whitcomb
Forest Fire Warden

Additional Report of Forest Fire & State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.l.org.

Fire activity was very high during the first several weeks of the 2006 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in many sections of the state. The largest forest fire during this period occurred in late April and burned 98 acres. The extremely dry conditions in Spring resulted in over twice the amount of acreage burned than in all of 2005. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wild land urban interface damaged 6 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wild land fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

FRANCONIA & MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENTS

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services performed a sanitary survey on the Franconia Village Water system at the end of 2005. We received the results of their survey on March 17, 2006, which identified several areas, which needed attention. They mentioned that these same areas had been identified in previous surveys, but had not been dealt with. We are working to improve these deficiencies. We went to the Town Selectmen and told them our situation and asked for their support. They suggested that we set up an ad hoc committee of residents of Franconia, both water users and residents who have their own wells, and we also have help from DES and from Recap Solutions. The committee is called the Water Source Study Group, (WSSG). We have been meeting since late summer and have just received an Evaluation Proposal from the engineering firm of Stantec Consulting of Manchester, NH, which will help us make these needed improvements and to get the needed funding. We are planning to have open meetings in the coming months to update the public with our progress.

While we work on this important project, we are also dealing with the day-to-day leaks and pressure problems, which happen in a system that needs to be updated. We surveyed our property at McGowan Hill this past year and cut down many trees in order to maximize our water supply. Although we had many one-time expenses this year, the cost of operations will require a small increase in water rates.

Since 2002 we have moved through the State regulations and are close to getting our newly refracted well hooked up to the system at Mittersill. This will add up to 10 gallons per minute to our supply. These costs have forced us to slightly increase these rates, also, in order to meet emergencies, which may arise.

We appreciate your continued support.

Water Commissioners,
Richard McLachlin
William Downey
Marcia Graham

FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

2006 found that our calls for service were about the same as last year. These statistics are from the Grafton County Dispatch Center. These calls for service are also the basis of the billing used by the Dispatch Center to the town. They reflect ALL calls that required a Franconia Police Officer to take some type of action.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers of the department for their continued hard work and dedication. Their unselfish commitment to the town is an asset to the community. I would also like to thank the townspeople for their support; for it is for you that we are committed to “Protect & Serve”.

Here is a summary of the activity for 2006:

Summary of Activity

Total Calls for Service	1771	Building Check/Open Door-Window.....	26
Abandoned Vehicles	16	Disturbance/Fight/Brawl.....	5
DWI	6	Dog Complaint/Animal.....	73
Accidents	91	Illegal Dumping	4
Suspicious Person	10	Fish & Game	21
Suspicious Vehicle.....	18	General Info	1
Mental Person	2	Juvenile Offenses	6
Intoxicated Person.....	5	Missing Person.....	7
Civil Standby	6	Motor Vehicle Complaint	57
Directions.....	6	Motor Vehicle Stop.....	324
Suicide/Suicidal Person	1	Noise Complaint	12
Auto Theft.....	2	All PD Admin Calls	293
Burglary	12	Telephone Harassment.....	2
Unattended Deaths.....	1	Found/Lost Property	15
Assault	5	Paperwork Service	10
All SPOTS Inquiries.....	120	Traffic Control.....	7
Theft/Fraud/Gas Drive Off	24	Trespass	5
Domestic Disturbance.....	8	Other/Unknown.....	64
911 Hang-Up.....	34	Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	6
Alarm, Burglar/Hold-up.....	92	VIN Verification	9
Assist Citizen	20	Wanted Person	11
Assist Other Agency	92	Welfare Check.....	21
Assist Citizen	20	Radar/Traffic Detail	42
Be on the Lookout.....	11	Foot patrol/Walkthrough	9
Wanted Person	9	Road Hazard	85
Car Break	1	Violation	1
Kidnapping/Abduction.....	1	Shots fired	7

I would like to thank the residents for their support during 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Mark Montminy
Franconia Police Department

FRANCONIA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department's report this year will consist of what we have done and the direction in which we are heading with aspect to the Town roads.

1. Brush Cutting – Brush cutting was done on the following roads: Wells Road, Lafayette Road, Bickford Hill Road, Iron Foundry, Wallace Hill, Slalom Lane and Slalom Circle.
2. Ditching – We ditched the Wells Road, Tucker Brook, Delage Farm Road, Beechwood, Evergreen, Old County, Balancing Rock, Forest, Rockwood, parts of Iron Foundry, Toad Hill, Oaks Road, Franconia Mountains Road and Magowen Hill. Over 3000 yards of material was removed from the ditching project.
3. Reclamation – We reclaimed the second half of the Wells Road to get it ready for pavement.
4. Paving – Paving was done on the following roads: River Street, Garfield Close, Academy Street and the entrance to the Lafayette School.
5. Grading – The gravel roads were graded and yolk raked 3 times this year. A lot of the so-called double ditch lines have been eliminated.
6. We hauled winter sand, cleaned bridges, swept all the paved roads and moved all the useable rock from behind the cemetery. Clean up of the highway garage backyard is finally finished and we are currently working on the upgrade to the front. We can now work inside the building, but more room is needed. A lot of the deficiencies from the past are now up to specs. There is still work to be done. The 2-foot culvert on Delage Farm Road was replaced with a 4-foot pipe arch and a 12-inch overflow pipe. This is working well but the real test will come in the spring. There was a survey done of the Town's roads for the Strategic 10-year plan, a request of the CIP Committee. Currently, the Infrastructure Study Group, CIP and Selectmen are still reviewing the report with recommendations to come.
7. The town experienced two windstorms this year. One storm was major with a lot of damage that affected the whole Town. Just as an example, we had one road in town with over 100 trees down in it. Without the combined efforts of the Franconia Fire, Police, Highway, Maintenance Departments, and the volunteers the town would have been in a whole world of hurt. I would like to thank everybody that was involved with making the clean up not only happen, but happen quickly. This is what living here is all about.
8. Our plans for the upcoming year with your help will include: paving Wells Road, brush cutting, shoulder work, ditching, replacing some culverts and continued work on the highway garage. Reclamation of roads will depend on the funding. In saying that, the highway department is very aware of the Profile School funding issue that is facing the community. We are greatly appreciative of your support it means a lot. If you have any comments, questions or concerns please contact us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Knowlton, Road Agent
Franconia Highway Department

PLANNING BOARD

Subdivisions

- Edmund Sears, Wallace Hill Road, 15-Lot Major Subdivision – application is in process of being reviewed

Lot-Line Adjustments

- Sam Stephenson, Easton Road – approved

Site Plan Reviews

- Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, Main Street – approved
- Frederickson (Above the Notch Restaurant), Main Street – approved

Besides the decisions cited above, the Planning Board has been working steadily toward updating the Town's Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. Many individuals and committees of the Town outside the realm of the Board have contributed their time and expertise to these tasks. The results have been very positive.

One of these results has been to have a working draft of the whole Master Plan, except for the Implementation Chapter, ready for this year's Town Meeting. That last chapter should be completed by April. Stacey Doll of North Country Council has greatly facilitated our endeavors. Also, the Planning Board, along with the Conservation Commission, contracted with Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. to complete a Natural Resource Inventory for the Town. This will give the Town a valuable technological tool to plan for future development, besides incorporating the results into the Natural Resource and Future Land Use Chapters of the Master Plan. After holding a public hearing, the Board envisions spending the next year revising the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations to make them consistent with the vision of the Master Plan.

As far as anticipated changes to the Zoning Ordinance this year, pending the Town Meeting ballot vote, there were a series of amendments to the floodplain management regulations to bring them into compliance with National Flood Insurance Program regulations.

Subdivision Regulations have been greatly improved by the adoption of new Road Standards, which we hope, will save the Town in future maintenance costs and provide safer roads.

Finally, the Capital Improvement Plan Committee has continued their fine work of refining and streamlining the process for reviewing capital expenditure requests. The Board is grateful for their efforts and appreciates the valuable planning tool they create.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernardette Costa, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, upon application, reviews and decides on alleged errors in administrative finding, and grants variances to the Town's Zoning Ordinance to provide relief from hardship. The Board also has the authority to grant an exception for use in keeping with certain provisions of the Ordinance.

In March 2006, the ZBA granted a Special Exception to Article III, Section 2f:2 of the Zoning Ordinance for David and Tina Weed to construct a small apartment in conjunction with and attached to a single family dwelling on Balancing Rock Road.

In June 2006, the ZBA denied a Special Exception to Article III, Section 2f:2 of the Zoning Ordinance for Howard Galligan to construct a small apartment in conjunction with and attached to a single family dwelling on Mountain Road.

In December 2006, the ZBA granted a Variance in relation to Article III, Section 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to Nelson and Leatrice Progin for a lot line adjustment between two substandard lots on Profile Road.

Several ZBA Members attended the Planning and Zoning Conference held in Waterville Valley in October 2006.

Respectfully Submitted
Lydia Cumbee, Secretary

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2006 was yet another busy year at the transfer station. Garbage tonnage rose to 540 tons, 5 tons more than last year but still 12 tons less than 2004. Although the recycling tonnage that we marketed dropped, we actually processed 10 tons more than 2005, the difference being not quite enough for full loads before 2007. Even so our recycling rate was 40%.

We recycled:

- 191 tons of paper products
- 11 tons of plastic
- 3 tons of aluminum cans
- 40 tons of scrap metal
- 111 tons of glass

Last April we participated in the first “Color it Green” community clean up which, thanks to numerous volunteers, was an excellent start. We hope to continue and expand the clean up in 2007.

A special thanks to Margo Connors, Leigh Starer, Ben Woo and the students of Lafayette School for the gardening and artwork. We can’t wait to see the bulbs they planted in full bloom.

Once again Greg, Chris and I thank you for your cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Marshall
Transfer Station Manager

RECREATION PROGRAM

The Tri Town Recreation program has had another incredibly busy year! A huge thank you goes out to all of our volunteer coaches, officials, parent helpers and youth players for making our recreation program such a success for everyone in Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill.

Our 2005 - 2006 basketball season went extremely well, the 3rd & 4th grade boys team and the 5th & 6th grade boys team dominated area basketball teams. Later in the season both teams combined with Bethlehem to create an "Wildcats" powerhouse team in each age grouping that went on to several tournaments. Third grade girls under the leadership of Tricia Coyle played several area teams and many girls ended the season with a new appreciation of basketball. Fifth and sixth grade girl's team combined with Bethlehem from the beginning and enjoyed getting to know other girls they would see soon at Profile. Many thanks to coaches, Scott Johnson, Mike Kelley, Eric Meth, Tricia Coyle, Orlo Coots and our Bethlehem coaches!

Our youth baseball/softball teams were successful for another season. Our t-ball team, farm league team, a minor league baseball, a major league baseball and a major league softball completed our roster. Many of the players had the opportunity to continue to play this summer as part of our All Star teams. Tremendous thanks to our volunteer coaches Scott Johnson, Mike Kelley, Tom Eyman, Joe Peterson, Scott Knowlton, Jim Cyrs, Cindy Berlack, John Opalinski, Jim Alden and all our T-ball dads! Also to our dedicated umpires who made this a successful season for everyone involved.

Summer Recreation went for a full eight delightfully sunny weeks this summer at the Lafayette Regional School with many returning staff and even more returning campers. Summer Rec. involved lots of biking and traveling throughout Franconia and even out to Sugar Hill and Easton for swimming under the watchful eyes of recreation lifeguards/counselors Anne Cowles and Jenna Serino. Field trips to Santa's Village, Storyland, Whale's Tale, local state parks to swim and Canobie Lake Park made for some exciting Friday field trips. The introduction of the completed kindergarten program began this summer for three days a week with great success. A larger than usual Adventure Group created some exciting field trips with teenagers who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Day trips to the beach, mountain biking, rock climbing, minor league baseball games and an overnight trip to Six Flags New England all under the experienced leadership of Chris Colongeli.

Swim lessons continued under the capable direction of Jean Serino at the Gale River Motel for the summer recreation campers and our younger swimmers enjoyed the warmer waters of the Sunset Hill House for their swim lessons. Many thanks to both establishments and to Stonybrook Motel for use of their pools this summer.

Soccer season brought almost the whole school population out to the fields for practices and games. The younger teams were able to use smaller fields and goals at the school and in addition to the newest field at the Dow. The older teams were out on the Dow Field almost daily. A big thank you to our referees and volunteer coaches Mark Simpson, Derek Anneser, Linda Johnson, Kevin Senft, Phil Branch, Brian Canelas, Scott Knowlton, Jeff Malcolm, Shane Carberry and Pam Anneser who made sure everyone had a good time this fall.

With any luck and some colder weather this winter we will have all the lights back on at the ice rink and hope to see you out there with your skates on! We are looking to bring back “Family Night” at the ice rink in hopes of getting more families out on the ice together. We hope you’ll join us for music, hot chocolate, hot dogs, skating and lots of fun!

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:00pm. We welcome the public to attend and look forward to another exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Germain, Recreation Director & the Tri-Town Recreation Committee
Easton: Brian Canelas & Mike Kenney
Franconia: Kim Cowles, Jeff Malcolm & Tracy Chardon
Sugar Hill: Gordie Johnk & Jean Serino

FRANCONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During the Franconia Conservation Commission 2006 season:

- Fox Hill was inspected by the SPNHF and received a very good report for the maintenance and upkeep of the Fox Hill area.
- A park bench was donated by Joan Bamberg for the Gale River Bend Trail
- The Commission donated four trees for the Lafayette School Earth Day Celebration
- The Commission participated in the Lafayette School Earth Day Celebration with representatives from the Town of Franconia
- The Commission contributed to the tree planting at Dow Field
- A group of young women from Bethlehem interested in Community Activity participated in the clean up and maintenance of the Town of Franconia’s gardens

Richard Bennink
Kim Cowles
Mary Grote

John Lachapelle
John Lefavour
Kathryn McCarthy

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Welch, Chairman

Elizabeth Welch

FRANCONIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Calendar Year End 2006

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2006) **\$19,436.92**

INCOME

Membership Dues		17,496.75
Brochure Mailings		20.00
Town Funds		
	Franconia	\$10,000.00
	Sugar Hill	6,500.00
	Easton	<u>365.00</u>
		16,865.00
Interest Earned		53.52
Fundraisers:		
	Antique Show	1,826.90
	Others	87.90
	Lupine Festival	<u>7,072.00</u>
		8,986.80
Miscellaneous		<u>339.00</u>
Total		\$43,761.07

EXPENSES

Booth Expenses:		
Payroll		\$ 9,684.13
Telephone		1,882.58
Electricity		198.10
Office, Booth Repairs, Misc.		3,246.08
Postage		126.29
Advertising		13,043.50
IRS (Payroll Taxes)		1,079.03
Bank Fees		.15
Insurance		1,373.00
Internet		3,828.35
Non-Booth Expenses:		
Salary		n/a
Administrative & Office		34.94
Dues & Subscriptions		n/a
Lupine Festival		5,488.72
Misc.		139.20
Donations		1,250.00
Services		<u>195.00</u>
Total		\$41,569.07

Ending Balance (December 31, 2006) **\$21,628.92**

FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dear Board of Selectmen, Residents, and Friends,

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to say a heartfelt, "Thank you" to all three Towns of Franconia, Easton, and Sugar Hill, for your very important combined support. Without this support, we cannot grow and provide new and inventive Business support to the many folks who work, reside, and visit our beautiful area of New Hampshire.

This last year was a year of change in our Chamber. First, the sad and unexpected passing of Mrs. Priscilla Hunt who served our Chamber for over Twenty years. Priscilla will be greatly missed and our Chamber will remember her for her dedication and love for our Communities. The Chamber has donated \$750.00 to the Lafayette Lions Scholarship fund in Mrs. Hunt's memory and the Chamber is also currently working on a nice plaque to be placed on the Chamber building in Mrs. Hunt's memory.

This year we are growing our Chamber membership and expanding our commitment to our Communities and hope to bring back such events as the Hayseed Festival, Frostbite Follies, and other great Community events to enhance the presence and works of our Chamber. With your continued support, we will also be able to further enhance the Franconia Notch Brochure, which made it all the way down to the BIG "E" this year! Distribution throughout our great State is at an all time high. With our website www.franconianotch.org having an events calendar and being up to date, folks who used to request paper information are now viewing and making their reservations and travel plans on the web. Our online presence and the number of monthly hits is impressive and as more folks make travel plans and make their vacation plans via the web, our website will continue to transform itself to meet the demands of the future.

Again this year, we ran and maintained 2 Information Booths - one in Franconia on Main Street and the other at the Cannon Mountain Tram Base Station. Your continued support helps provide folks who are visiting with the latest information for Businesses as well as directions to area Attractions and Retail Businesses, and new for this year.... a FREE wireless WiFi Hotspot. The wireless hotspot is something that I personally put together as a way for folks who may be traveling to park in the lot at the Info Booth or sit under the tree's by Library and access their web mail and browse the web for a great Inn, B&B, Motel, Restaurant, or whatever other area attraction or service they may need. Many poets and visitors to the Robert Frost Museum used this great resource this past August. This WiFi is particularly useful during times when the info booth is closed for the Season or after hours. Many folks get off exit 38 and are looking for somewhere to get information and the information era is here. This WiFi is accessible within a 300-foot radius around the Information Booth on Main Street in Franconia.

We are looking forward to discussing new and inventive ways to bring folks back to our area to experience the beauty and majestic inspiration that our area of the White Mountains provides. With a recommitment and focus on Service both in the private and corporate sector, folks will return and cherish their experiences in our area of New Hampshire. With events such as the Lupine Festival, The Antique Show, Rugby Weekend, and bringing back some old events that have been abandoned such as Frostbite

Follies and the Hayseed Festival, our area can put a greater polish on the diamond that it is.

Your support is greatly appreciated by every Member of the Chamber of Commerce, every Resident and every visitor who cherishes Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill, and beyond. Together we are making a difference and together we'll grow with the needs of our time to better serve the greater needs of our Communities.

Sincerely,
Frank P. Grima, President
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce

THE FROST PLACE

Now in its thirtieth year, the unique partnership between the Town of Franconia and the Frost Place continues to be a resilient and creative approach to historic preservation and education.

As a museum and poetry center based in the home where poet Robert Frost lived full-time from 1915 to 1920 then spent many summer through 1938, The Frost Place attracts thousands of visitors each summer between Memorial Day and Columbus Day. In contrast to today's fashion, when tourist sites are frequently multi-media spectacles this little museum is extraordinarily simple, several rooms in an ordinary 19th-century farmhouse, not much changed in a hundred years. Yet this was a place where some of the most inexhaustible writers lived and worked, and where some of the most inexhaustible poems in the English language were written, poems that people have loved from childhood through old age. This was a place where a great artist could concentrate, where his children were happy, and where he was amazingly productive.

The quietness and simplicity we still experience here – and the stunning view of Mount Lafayette – are clearly very moving to our visitors, who this year came from across the globe, from almost every state of the union and Canada, India, England, Indonesia, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, Poland, Sweden, Ireland, China, and Mexico. The 2006 museum docents were Sara Brickman, an intern from Smith College, and Travis Helms, recent graduate of Dartmouth College and first recipient of a new annual award offered by Dartmouth to an especially promising young writer, the William W. Cook – Frost Place Fellowship.

While the house and grounds are owned by the Town, the museum and conference programs are overseen by a Board of Trustees, now numbering twelve dedicated volunteers. This past year, Trustees Parker Towle, Carlene Gadapee, and Jeffrey Wheeler's rotated off the Board, and their hard work on behalf of the The Frost Place is gratefully acknowledged. During 2006, major changes were made in the day-to-day administration of the Frost Place, as long-time Executive Director Donald Sheehan and Assistant Director Keisha Luce were replaced by Jim Schley, a writer and teacher from South Strafford, Vermont. Don Sheehan continues to serve as Director Emeritus.

Since 1977, a residency has been awarded each summer at The Frost Place to a poet who is given a financial stipend and the opportunity to live and work in non-public quarters in the house. In making this award, the Trustees seek to select a poet who is at the kind of artistic and personal crossroads faced by Robert Frost when he came to Franconia in 1915, not yet having published a book in the U.S., and not yet well known to the public. The 2006 Resident Poet was an especially gracious and convivial guest, Robert Farnsworth of Lewiston, Maine. The 2007 residency has been awarded to Jody Gladding of East Calais, Vermont.

The Frost Place's programs have expanded in recent years to encompass four annual conferences, which have earned national acclaim: The Young Poets Conference (April 27-29, 2007), the Conference on Poetry and Teaching (June 25-29, 2007), the Frost Place Seminar (August 5-10, 2007). During each conference, evening readings are open to the

public with no admission fee, and local poetry enthusiasts are welcome to attend. The Frost Place also hosts an open house in early July, in celebration of New Hampshire's Official "Frost Day," to give neighbors and townsfolk a chance to meet the director and staff and the Resident Poet.

In addition to museum operations and conferences, Director Jim Schley's major priorities for the coming year include gradual expansion of school programs and teacher training in the North Country and developing dynamic partnerships with local and regional businesses as well as arts organizations and museums, including cooperation in publicity with historic Robert Frost sites in Derry, NH, Shaftsbury, Vermont, and Ripton, Vermont. An urgent need is debris removal and clean-up necessitated by wind damage from a late-October storm that toppled hundreds of small and large trees along Ridge Road and was particularly destructive along the half-mile "Poetry Trail" at The Frost Place, where visitors can view Frost poems on wooden panels and markers indicating the wildflowers and forest plants often cited by Frost, who loved to 'botanize' on his own walks.

Like many small nonprofit ventures, The Frost Place is facing serious financial challenges, but by taking a deliberately 'traditional' path – guaranteeing the upkeep and well-being of the house, barn, and gardens; offering a museum experience that is unglamorous but authentic; and providing superb poetry workshops and readings – The Frost Place appears well positioned to address the future while maintaining a powerful connection with the past.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Schley, Executive Director

FRANCONIA HERITAGE MUSEUM

The past year has been one of transition for the Heritage Council from establishing the museum to administering and maintaining it. We will complete our 10-year commitment to manage the Franconia Heritage Museum for the town in May 2007. In anticipation of the growing need for a paid staff person, we built up our capital to \$100,000 in the expectation that our invested capital would eventually produce enough income to pay someone a living wage to manage the museum. Our volunteer curator announced her reluctant retirement when she reached age 80 after more than 10 years' work setting up and managing the museum. She advised the Board that the increased administrative responsibilities of the growing museum now were more than she could handle. The collection had expanded to 10,000 items from the original 1,500 and membership had risen from 20 to more than 200.

The Council did double its number of events this year, with an eye to increasing support. In the past decade, we have focused exhibits and events on the guest houses in town, the social and cultural organizations, family histories, village houses, the iron industry, the skiing industry, the Old Man of the Mountain, vintage clothing, and tourism, as well as the history of the town as it developed from a frontier farming community of 72 residents in the first census in 1790, to a major tourist destination with about 950 residents in the year 2002.

It was Sarah Nelson Welch who began the move toward a museum by saving all the documents and diaries of the Brooks family, beginning with those of her great grandfather, Luke Brooks, who arrived here with his bride on horseback in 1795. The Brooks family recognized the importance of history and provided their artifacts. In addition, Sarah left her estate to the town in a trust designated for a museum. She had dreamed of establishing a museum and her dream was fulfilled in 1998, shortly after she died. Several members of the community shared her interest. The entire community can be credited with support of the museum. Several residents added to the collection from their own artifacts and memorabilia, while others, present and former residents contributed their time and gave generously to the financial support of the museum.

After retiring here from a journalism career in Connecticut, Jewell Friedman found preservation of local history a challenging cause. She felt as strongly about it as did Sarah, and she supported Sarah's cause as though it were her foster child. She was appointed curator. Last year, in response to the volunteer curator's retirement notice, the Council advertised a part-time position at the Museum and hired Sharon Penney as administrator. A northern NH native, Sharon is a Trustee of the Abbie Greenleaf Library, former alternate to the local Planning Board, has a decade of experience on the North Country Council Regional Planning Commission and until recently was Executive Director of the Northern White Mountain Chamber of Commerce. She is committed to the promotion of cultural and heritage endeavors and looks forward to working with the board of directors and other area historic and cultural entities. Earlier last year, the Museum served as a resource for Plymouth State University by supervising an intern in the Heritage Studies Graduate Program.

The Board sought ways this year to make the position of administrator one of full time with an appropriate wage. The outgoing curator is so pleased with her potential successor that she has taken steps to establish a Charitable Heritage Fund with a \$20,000 gift annuity to benefit the museum operation.

The Franconia Heritage Fund is being set up in partnership with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The gift annuity will benefit the donor with 8% annual interest for the remainder of her years, with the ultimate beneficiary being the Franconia Heritage Museum. Donors can contribute a lesser amount for tax benefits. Linda Gray, Senior Foundation Officer of the NH Charitable Foundation may be contacted at 603-225-6641 for more information.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Whitcomb, President
Franconia Area Heritage Council

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA

For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Maiden Name
April 21, 2006 Littleton, NH	Dayna Claire Vanzandt	William Vanzandt Kendra Vanzandt
April 28, 2006 Littleton, NH	Avery Gabrielle Gignac	J Peter Gignac Christi Gignac
June 15, 2006 Lebanon, NH	Aine Christina Shaw Downey	William Downey Lucy Downey
July 22, 2006 Littleton, NH	Olivia Marie Cataldo	Joseph Cataldo Destiny Cataldo
October 16, 2006 Lebanon, NH	Olivia Elisa Mangold	Davis Mangold Tina Mangold
October 23, 2006 Lebanon, NH	Grace Elizabeth Hart	Gary Hart Laura Saller
November 15, 2006 Littleton, NH	Brooke Wilder Chernicki	Jessica Chernicki
December 6, 2006 Littleton, NH	Dillon Andrew Chen	Andrew Chen Colleen Chen

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA

For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
March 19, 2006 Franconia, NH	Harrison A Chadwick Cuiling Tang	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
April 2, 2006 Franconia, NH	Richard E Bennink Carole M Hutton	Franconia, NH Easton, NH
June 24, 2006 Franconia, NH	Gardner Chamberlain Shirley A Marsh	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
July 1, 2006 Sugar Hill, NH	Jonathan Holder Mary M Brubaker	Newton, MA Franconia, NH
August 26, 2006 Bethlehem, NH	Michael A Kenney Beth A Towle	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
November 24, 2006 Franconia, NH	Perry G Moulton Maryann Vu	Franconia, NH Littleton, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2006**

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
January 11, 2006 Littleton, NH	Loretta Brown	Samuel Hall	Bertha Connett
February 4, 2006 Franconia, NH	Pauline Destroismaisons	Luciano Pena	Masimini Barquin
March 22, 2006 Littleton, NH	Mary Cerciello	Vincent Dececco	Katherine Candelino
March 26, 2006 Littleton, NH	Herbert Waggoner	Herbert Waggoner	Elsie Brown
March 27, 2006 Franconia, NH	Vernon Bahr	John Bahr	Lena Derman
April 4, 2006 Franconia, NH	Florence Remington	Unknown	Ellen Andross
April 20, 2006 Franconia, NH	Hamilton Ford	Frank Ford	Angeline Myers
May 4, 2006 Franconia, NH	Peter Poplawski	Joseph Poplawski	Frances Boryszewska
May 18, 2006 Franconia, NH	James Jesseman	Edward Jesseman	Agnes Smith
May 28, 2006 Littleton, NH	Rosina Hubley	Thomas Clark	Margaret Paul
May 30, 2006 Franconia, NH	Doris Wright	Ray Parker	Minnie Whiting
June 28, 2006 Carroll, NH	Helen Reid	John Olow	Helen Johns
July 28, 2006 Franconia, NH	Anna Jansen	Ellef Ellefsen	Anna Larson
August 9, 2006 Franconia, NH	Celesta Beyrer	Allie Furnish	Nancy Cannon
August 12, 2006 Franconia, NH	Joseph Cushing	Joseph Kuczynski	Alexander Schostuck
August 30, 2006 Franconia, NH	Dorothy Wetherbee	Frank Young	Bessie Acker

September 12, 2006 Littleton, NH	Priscilla Hunt	Wendell Silver	Fontelle Aldrich
September 22, 2006 Littleton, NH	Theopheile Patten	Andrew Patten	Bertha Bolduc
November 12, 2006 Franconia, NH	Frances Hultgren	Fred Stratton	Frances Smith
December 16, 2006 Franconia, NH	Letitia Crosby	George Jones	Eleanor Hopkins

TOWN HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

823-7752

DAILY	12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS (Monday).....	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

823-5237

TUESDAY	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY.....	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD

823-7752

TUESDAY (2nd each month)	7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY (office hours).....	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION

823-5311

MONDAY.....	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY.....	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY.....	CLOSED
FRIDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY.....	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

823-8424

MONDAY.....	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY.....	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (November - April)	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (May - October).....	2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY.....	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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